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REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

*To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand
Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa:*

Your committee on Judiciary has had under advisement Document Number Eleven (11) Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1902, the proposed new Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes, and recommend that the same do pass as revised and amended by your Committee, as shown by Exhibit "B" hereto attached and made a part of this report.

Your Committee further reports in favor of the adoption of the recommendations of your former Committee, as set out on pages one (1) and two (2). Exhibit "B".

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Committee.

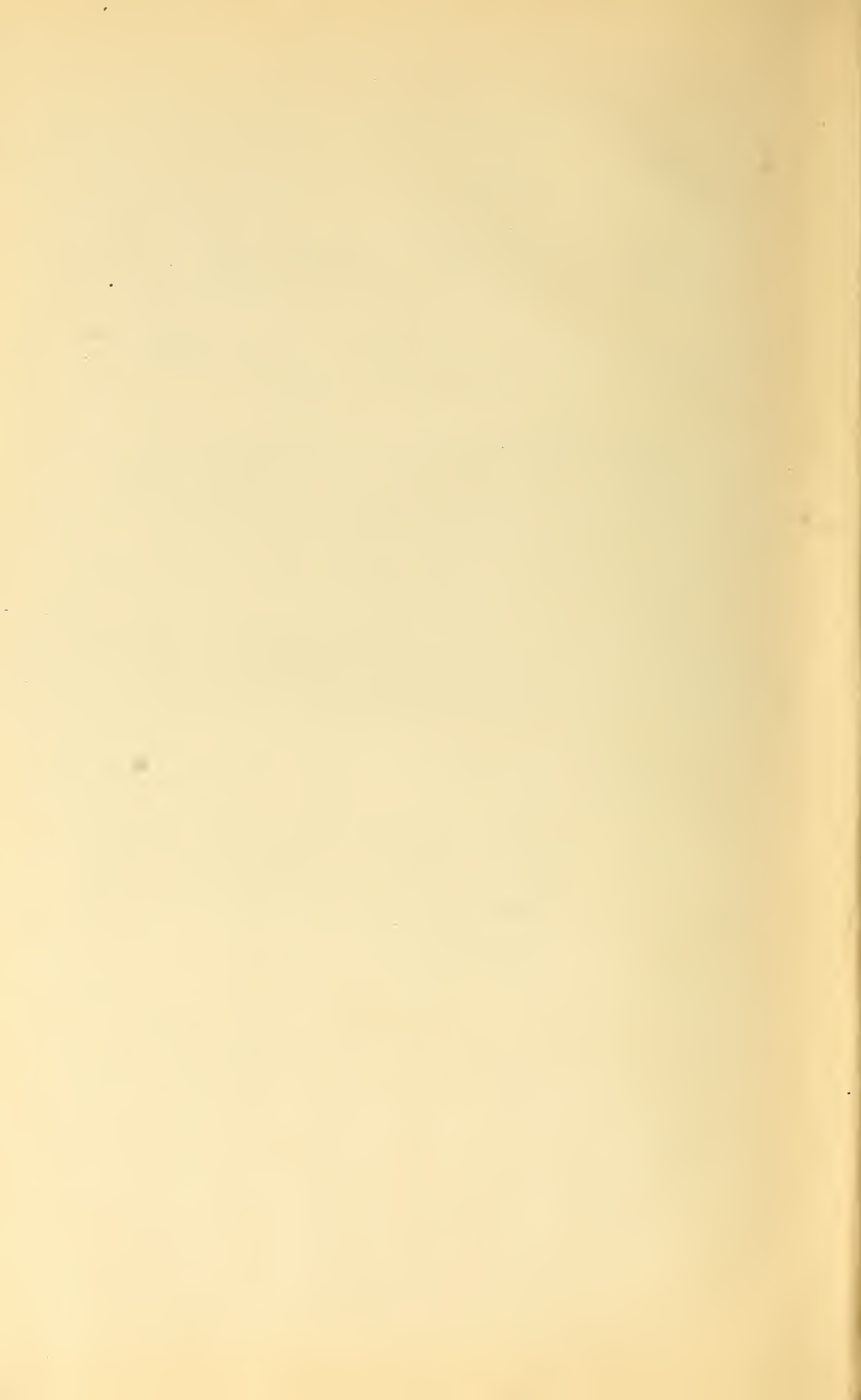


EXHIBIT "B."

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under advisement document number eleven (11), the proposed new Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes, and recommend that the same do pass, and that the recommendation contained in the report of the Judiciary Committee be adopted, and your Judiciary Committee do further recommend that the following enacting clause be inserted on page ten (10) of the printed report between the words Grand Statutes and Title 1:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, that the following Code of Statutes be and the same are hereby enacted as the Grand Statutes of the Order Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, and shall take effect from and after the adoption of this enacting clause; provided, that the prosecution and punishment for all offenses committed and the protection and preservation of all rights accruing prior to the taking effect of these Statutes shall be governed by the laws in force prior to the enactment hereof.

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D. A. JAY, Committee.

A proposition to revise and amend the Grand Constitution and Statutes:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain of Iowa, that the Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes be revised and amended as shown by the report of the Judiciary Committee hereto attached, marked Exhibit "A" and made part of this proposition.

F. M. MOLESBERRY, Liberty Lodge, No. 22.

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REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa:

Brother Knights: Your Judiciary Committee to whom was delegated authority by the Grand Lodge at its session in 1901 to revise and codify the Grand Constitution and the Grand Statutes of this Domain, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

The aim of your Committee has been to have the necessary law for your government in as concise and short form as possible.

To this end your Committee has endeavored to leave out all matters that are completely covered by Supreme Law, and put in only such as we deem absolutely necessary.

On account of a large number of Subordinate Lodges failing to keep in their Castle Hall copies of Supreme Constitution and Supreme Statutes, your Committee have embodied in an Appendix all Sections of Supreme Constitution and Statutes relating to the government of Subordinate Lodges, and we recommend that this Appendix of Supreme Law be published with the Grand Constitution and Statutes. When the Grand Constitution and Statutes have been passed and adopted, we recommend that a perfect and proper index be made and printed in connection with the Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes.

We, therefore, submit this report for your serious thought, and trust you will use wisdom in considering the important subjects contained therein.

Fraternally and respectfully,

RICE H. BELL, Chairman,
F. M. MOLSBERRY,
F. L. FERRIS,
C. E. VANCE,
J. M. WILSON,
D. A. JAY,
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Committee.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias
OF THE
DOMAIN OF IOWA

THE GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, THE SOURCE
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STITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—TITLE.

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Iowa, existing by virtue of a Charter duly and regularly issued by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

ARTICLE II.—THE GRAND LODGE.

Section 1. This Constitution and the Laws enacted by the Grand Lodge, not in conflict therewith, shall be the Grand Law of the Order of Knights of Pythias of this Domain.

ARTICLE III.—COMPOSITION.

Section 1. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of all who have attained the Grand Lodge Rank and are in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in this Domain.

ARTICLE IV.—STRUCTURE OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Section 1. The Order in the Domain of Iowa shall be constituted as follows:

Paragraph 1. A Grand Government.

Par. 2. Such Subordinate Lodges as possess Charters or warrants legally granted by the Grand Lodge which have not been suspended or revoked.

ARTICLE V.—THE GRAND GOVERNMENT.

Section 1. The Grand Government for the Domain of Iowa shall consist of three independent, co-ordinate departments, viz.: A Legislative Department, an Executive Department, and a Judicial Department.

ARTICLE VI.—THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The legislative powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in all Past Grand Chancellors in good standing in the Grand Lodge and in their respective Subordinate Lodges in this Domain; its officers as designated in this Constitution; and the Grand Representatives, legally elected or appointed.

OFFICERS.

Section 2. The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be a Grand Chancellor, a Grand Vice-Chancellor, a Grand Prelate, a Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a Grand Master of Exchequer, a Grand Master at Arms, a Grand Inner Guard, and a Grand Outer Guard, who shall be elected annually, as provided by law, and shall hold office for the term of one official year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed; also a Board of six Trustees, two of whom shall be elected annually for the term of three years; provided, the Trustees now holding office shall hold to the expiration of their terms. Any Past Chancellor in good standing in any lodge in this Domain, and in possession of the Grand Lodge Rank, shall be eligible to any office in the gift of the Grand Lodge, except Supreme Representative.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

Section 3. The Grand Lodge shall, at its regular convention in 1905, elect two Supreme Representatives, and biennially there-

after two or more Supreme Representatives, as it may be entitled to by Supreme Law and requisite to make up the full quota of this Domain.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Section 4. Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Grand Representative, and to one additional Grand Representative, for every fifty members thereof, and the Grand Representative, or Grand Representatives present will be entitled to cast the number of votes to which each Lodge is entitled, as shown by the report of the Subordinate Lodge for the term ending December 31st of the preceding year, except that all Lodges instituted subsequent to that date shall be entitled to representation as shown by the Instituting Officer; provided, that the Grand Lodge shall only pay for the attendance of one Representative from each Lodge.

Sec. 5. At the first regular meeting in Janaury, Subordinate Lodges shall elect their Grand Representative or Representatives together with an Alternate Grand Representative for each, for the term of one year. In the absence of the Grand Representative his Alternate shall act in his stead, and in case of the inability of all the Representatives and Alternates elected to attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, the Chancellor Commander may designate any eligible Past Chancellor to fill the vacancy or vacancies so created.

Sec. 6. A Grand Representative or Alternate must be a Past Chancellor in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge within this Domain. Should a Grand Representative or Alternate cease to be in good standing in, or cease to be a member of his Subordinate Lodge, then, or in either of such cases, his rights as Grand Representative or Alternate shall cease and determine, and a vacancy shall be held to exist in such position.

Sec. 7. All Past Chancellors in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges, who have received the Grand Lodge Rank, shall be admitted to the convention of the Grand Lodge, and shall be eligible to appointment as members of all Committees thereof.

Sec. 8. All Past Chancellors in good standing who have attained the Grand Lodge Rank shall have a right to debate on all

questions before the Grand Lodge, but shall not be entitled to a vote, unless they are officers thereof, or the accredited Grand Representative of a Subordinate Lodge of this Domain.

Sec. 9. The regular conventions of the Grand Lodge shall be held annually, on the second Wednesday in August, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., unless a different date be designated by the Grand Lodge, at such place as may have been designated at the preceding regular convention; provided, that if the place is not so designated, the Convention shall be held in the City of Des Moines, Iowa; provided, also, that for good and sufficient reason to them appearing, the Grand Chancellor, by and with the consent of a majority of the Grand Council, may designate a different time or place at which such convention shall be held.

Sec. 10. A quorum of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seventy-five Grand Representatives; provided, that fifty Grand Representatives may receive and act upon certificates and credentials, and any number may meet and adjourn from day to day.

Sec. 11. The following powers are reserved to the Grand Lodge, viz.:

Paragraph 1. To pass upon and determine all questions relative to the qualifications and election of its members.

Par. 2. To enact laws for its own government and protection not in conflict with Supreme Law, and to prescribe rules of procedure for the conduct of its business.

Par. 3. To prescribe the powers and duties of its committees.

Par. 4. To prescribe the powers and duties of its other officers, except as they may be fixed by the Ritual, the Supreme Law and this Constitution.

Par. 5. To provide by law a revenue for the Grand Government.

Par. 6. To make appropriations of money for the maintenance of the Grand Government.

Par. 7. To define offenses against the Grand Law, and to prescribe penalties therefor.

Par. 8. To provide by law for the compilation, publication and enforcement of the decrees of the Grand Tribunal.

Par. 9. To enact laws for the government of Subordinate Lodges.

Par. 10. To grant Charters to Subordinate Lodges within this Domain, and to provide by law for the issue, revocation, suspension, restoration and reissue of such Charters.

Par. 11. To enact such laws as shall secure the conformity of the By-Laws of all Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Law.

Par. 12. To require from any Officer of the Grand Lodge or of any Subordinate Lodge, such reports, credentials or certificates as may be prescribed by law.

Par. 13. To require from Subordinate Lodges within this Domain such reports as may be required by law.

Par. 14. To prescribe by law what shall constitute good standing in the Order, except as provided by Supreme Law.

Par. 15. To enact laws for the promotion of the general welfare of the Order in this Domain.

Par. 16. To enact laws which shall be necessary to carry into execution all powers vested in this Grand Government by the Supreme Constitution or any amendment thereof.

Par. 17. To exercise all power and authority not reserved to the Supreme Government or prohibited thereby.

Sec. 12. The Grand Lodge may by law provide for the impeachment and removal from office of the Grand Chancellor or a Grand Tribune, and for the trial and removal from office of any officer of the Grand Lodge other than the Grand Chancellor; it may define the offenses for which such proceedings or either of them will lie, but judgments in such cases shall not extend beyond removal from office and disqualification to hold office in the Order thereafter. In all cases, removal from and disqualification to hold office, shall require the affirmative vote, by yeas and nays, of two-thirds of all the members of the tribunal which shall have been established for the trial thereof; provided, that conviction shall not preclude or prevent the trial of the party for the same offense in any other tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction.

Sec. 13. All laws enacted by the Grand Lodge shall be of general application, shall be formulated as statutes and shall be

styled Grand Statutes, and when introduced and while under consideration shall be styled propositions.

Sec. 14. A proposition shall embrace not more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title.

Sec. 15. A proposition, which provides for the repeal or amendment of a statute, shall recite in its title the statute to be repealed or amended.

Sec. 16. A proposition shall not become a statute until it shall first have been referred to and reported on by the appropriate committee and passed by the affirmative majority vote of all members of the Grand Lodge present and entitled to vote; but this section shall not apply to propositions offered or presented by a standing committee.

Sec. 17. The enacting clause of every proposition shall be as follows: "Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa," and shall precede or be a part of the first section of such proposition.

Sec. 18. All statutes shall take effect thirty days after their passage unless therein otherwise provided.

Sec. 19. The resolving clause of every resolution shall be as follows: "Be it resolved by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa."

Sec. 20. A Journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be kept, and published in such manner as the Grand Lodge may by law provide, and such Journal shall be prima facie evidence of all acts of the Grand Lodge therein chronicled.

ARTICLE VII.—THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The Executive powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in a Grand Chancellor, who shall be elected and shall hold his office as provided in this Constitution.

Sec. 2. In case of the removal from office, of the Grand Chancellor, or of his death, resignation or inability to discharge the duties of said office, the same shall devolve on the Grand Vice-Chancellor.

Sec. 3. In case of death, resignation, removal from office or inability of both the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Vice-Chan-

cellor, the vacancies shall be filled as the Grand Lodge may by law provide.

Sec. 4. The Grand Chancellor shall enforce the Supreme and Grand Laws and the decrees of the Supreme and Grand Tribunals.

Sec. 5. Except when otherwise provided by law, the Grand Chancellor shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy in any office of the Grand Lodge which may occur during its recess.

Sec. 6. The Grand Chancellor may, as provided by law, appoint and commission Deputy Grand Chancellors, whose duties and compensation shall be fixed by law.

Sec. 7. The Grand Chancellor, at each regular convention of the Grand Lodge, shall present to it a report of all his official acts during its recess. His report shall contain information in regard to the state of the Order, and such recommendations as he may deem necessary and expedient.

Sec. 8. The Grand Chancellor may call special conventions of the Grand Lodge in the manner by law provided.

Sec. 9. The Grand Chancellor, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall have authority to grant, in the manner provided by law, warrants for the institution of Subordinate Lodges within this Domain, and warrants so granted shall be in force until suspended or revoked in the manner provided by law, or superseded by Charters legally granted.

Sec. 10. The Grand Chancellor shall have power to grant such Dispensations as may be authorized by law.

Sec. 11. The Grand Chancellor shall require the execution and delivery to him of the bonds which may by law be required of officers of the Grand Lodge, and he shall be the custodian of such bonds.

Sec. 12. The Grand Chancellor shall perform such other duties as may be provided by the Supreme and Grand Law.

Sec. 13. The Grand Chancellor shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge may provide by law.

ARTICLE VIII.—THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The Judicial powers of the Grand Government shall be vested in one Grand Tribunal, as herein granted.

Paragraph 1. The Grand Tribunal shall consist of five Tribunes, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Par. 2. The Tribune shall select, as provided by law, one of their number who shall preside as Chief Tribune.

Par. 3. Every decision of the Grand Tribunal shall require a concurrence of three Tribunes.

Sec. 2. The Tribunes shall be nominated by the Grand Chancellor as the Grand Lodge may by law provide, which nominations shall require for confirmation the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Grand Lodge present and entitled to vote.

Paragraph 1. Each Tribune at the date of his selection and during the term of his service, shall be a Past Chancellor in good standing.

Par. 2. A Tribune shall not hold the position of Supreme or Grand Representative, or any office in the Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Lodge during the term of his service, nor exercise any of the functions of a member of the legislative department.

Par. 3. The term of each Tribune shall be five years; provided that the present members of the Grand Tribunal shall fill out their terms.

Par. 4. Each Tribune shall receive a compensation to be fixed by the Grand Lodge, which shall not be changed during his term.

Par. 5. Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Grand Tribunal during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall fill the same by appointment, until the next annual convention.

Par. 6. The Grand Lodge may, by law, provide for the appointment of a special Tribune in any cause in which a regular Tribune shall be unable to attend, or incompetent to serve.

Sec. 3. The Grand Tribune shall have jurisdiction as follows:

Paragraph 1. It shall have exclusive jurisdiction of controversies between Subordinate Lodges of this Domain.

Par. 2. It shall have original but not exclusive jurisdiction in this Domain of controversies wherein non-conformity to, violation of, or the construction of the Supreme or Grand Law are complained of, or are in question.

Par. 3. It shall have appellate jurisdiction both as to law and fact.

Sec. 4. Cases may be carried to the Grand Tribunal by Appeal or Writ of Error, with such exceptions and under such restrictions and regulations as the Grand Lodge may by law prescribe; provided there shall be no appeal allowed from an acquittal by a Subordinate Lodge except on assignment of errors to settle the law of the case, and no decision of the Grand Tribunal shall affect one who has been acquitted of a Pythian offense.

Sec. 5. The Grand Tribunal shall hold regular and special sessions as may be provided by the Grand Statutes.

Sec. 6. The Grand Tribunal may adopt and enforce rules of practice and procedure for the conduct and dispatch of its business.

Sec. 7. The Grand Tribunal may appoint a Recorder, who shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law.

ARTICLE IX.—SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Section 1. A Subordinate Lodge shall be instituted only as may be provided by law, and shall exist only by virtue of a Warrant or Charter issued in accordance therewith; it shall consist of not less than ten members, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum; it shall have and exercise subordinate Pythian authority and control over such territory as may be prescribed by law, subject to the laws established by the Supreme and this Grand Lodge. Two or more Subordinate Lodges shall have concurrent territorial jurisdiction when located in the same city or town or other contiguous territory.

Sec. 2. The ritualistic officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be as designated in the Subordinate Lodge Ritual. They shall be nominated, elected and installed and vacancies in office shall be filled as provided by law. The official terms of such officers shall be one year from January 1, or until their successors are elected and installed.

Sec. 3. A Subordinate Lodge may elect or appoint such Trustees or other non-ritualistic officers as may be authorized by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4. Each Subordinate Lodge shall display its Warrant or Charter and the Flag of the United States of America in its Castle Hall whenever in session.

Sec. 5. No meeting for the transaction of business or work shall be held, and no excursion or entertainment shall be had by a Subordinate Lodge on the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday.

Sec. 6. The Ranks of Knighthood shall be attained and conferred only in accordance with the requirements of the Supreme Law. The conditions of eligibility to such Ranks shall be uniform, and as fixed by the Supreme Statutes. The fees for the Ranks of Knighthood shall not be less than fifteen dollars except as herein otherwise provided, and the fee for membership by deposit of a card shall be such as the Grand Lodge may prescribe; provided, that the fee for the Charter members of a new Lodge shall not be less than ten dollars for the three Ranks. The Grand Chancellor may by dispensation authorize a Subordinate Lodge to charge not less than ten dollars for the Ranks of Knighthood; provided, that no one dispensation shall cover a period of more than three months.

Sec. 7. Membership in a Subordinate Lodge may be obtained only as provided by the Supreme Law. Every person claiming the rights, benefits and privileges of the Order must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge.

Sec. 8. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have the power to determine for itself whether it will pay weekly benefits to its members and the amount thereof.

Sec. 9. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have By-Laws for its own government, which shall be in conformity to the Supreme

and Grand Laws and to the decisions of the Supreme and Grand Tribunals, but a Subordinate Lodge shall not enact or enforce any by-laws which shall abridge the rights or privileges secured to a member of the Order by the Supreme or Grand Law.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments may be made to this Constitution consistent with the laws of the Supreme Lodge, at any regular annual convention of the Grand Lodge, by a two-thirds vote of the members present entitled to vote; provided, that all such amendments shall be proposed in writing at least one day before action thereon, and no amendment shall be voted upon at the same annual convention, when proposed except by unanimous consent and when signed by ten Grand Representatives:

Provided, also, that when at any time, any provision of this Constitution may be found to be in conflict with the Supreme Laws, then the notice and consent contemplated in the preceding proviso shall not be requisite.

ARTICLE XI.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Section 1. All Legislation of the Grand Lodge in force prior to the adoption of this Constitution is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of this Grand Lodge.



GRAND STATUTES

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, that the following Code of Statutes be and the same are hereby enacted as the Grand Statutes of the Order Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, and shall take effect from and after the adoption of this enacting clause; provided, that the prosecution and punishment for all offenses committed and the protection and preservation of all rights accruing prior to the taking effect of these Statutes shall be governed by the laws in force prior to the enactment hereof.

TITLE I

THE GRAND LODGE

CHAPTER I

JURISDICTION.

1. **The State of Iowa.** The Grand Lodge, subject to the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is the source of all authority in the Order of Knights of Pythias within the State of Iowa.

CHAPTER II.

GRAND CHANCELLOR AND DEFINING HIS POWERS AND DUTIES.

2. Paragraph 1. **General Supervision.** The Grand Chancellor shall have and exercise general supervision over the Order in this Domain. He shall enforce obedience to all constitutional and statutory enactments, rules and edicts of the Supreme or Grand Lodge, and require that the work and discipline of the Order in this Domain shall be legal and uniform.

Par. 2. **Enforce Decrees and Mandates.** He shall have authority to enforce the mandates and decrees of the Grand Tribunal, and such other reasonable and necessary orders as he may believe to be for the best interests of the Order. All orders

made or commands given by him, not in conflict with existing laws shall be respected and have the same effect as the enactments of the Grand Lodge, and shall remain in force until reversed, set aside or countermanded by the Grand Lodge.

Par. 3. Preside. He shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, preserve order therein and enforce the laws and rules governing the same.

Par. 4. Appoint Officers and Committees. He shall appoint Grand Officers pro tem in case of the temporary absence or disqualification of any officer, and shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided by the Grand Lodge.

Par. 5. Render Opinions. He shall render opinions upon all questions of law or usage, except such as should be passed upon by the Grand Tribunal, when requested so to do by a Subordinate Lodge of this Domain under its seal.

Par. 6. Grant Warrants. He may grant Warrants for the organization of Subordinate Lodges, when a petition therefor has been approved by him; institute the same in person or by Deputy Grand Chancellor to be by him specially appointed for that purpose, and report such warrants and institution to the Grand Lodge at its next annual convention thereafter.

Par. 7. Dispensations. He may grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges in case of emergency, in all such matters as he may consider to be to the interest of the Order when the same is not inconsistent or in conflict with the Supreme or Grand Law.

Par. 8. Visits. He shall visit personally at least forty Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Domain in the course of the year in which he holds office. He may also, in person or by Deputy, convene and preside over any Subordinate Lodge whenever he may believe it to be for the best interests of the Order.

Par. 9. Install Officers. He shall install in person or by Deputy Grand Chancellor or some Past Chancellor, the officers-elect of all Subordinate Lodges.

Par. 10. Exemplify Secret Work. He shall exemplify the secret work of the Order in person or by a deputy whenever necessary. When the same is requested by any Lodge, and done by deputy, his actual traveling expenses shall be paid by the Lodge making the request.

Par. 11. **Sign Orders.** He shall sign all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer, authorized by the Grand Lodge, and all other documents requiring his official signature.

Par. 12. **Report to Grand Lodge.** He shall submit to each annual convention of the Grand Lodge, at the opening thereof, a printed report of the state of the Order in this Domain, together with such information and suggestions as, in his opinion, the good of the Order may require.

Par. 13. **General Powers.** He shall perform all the duties prescribed for his office, by the laws and requirements of the Grand and the Supreme Lodge.

Par. 14. **Revoke Warrants and Charters.** He shall declare the Warrant or Charter of a Subordinate Lodge revoked or suspended in all cases provided by the Supreme or Grand Law for such revocation or suspension.

Par. 15. **Official Seal.** He shall have an official seal, which he shall attach to all official papers, documents, or orders emanating from his office, and not properly coming within the province of the official seal of the Grand Lodge, which may be legally used by him in impress, or in imprint counterpart.

Par. 16. **Appoint Standing Committees After Installation.** He shall, as soon as practicable after his installation, appoint from the members of the Grand Lodge the following standing committees.

1. A Committee on Judiciary.
2. A Committee on Credentials.
3. A Committee on By-Laws.
4. A Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.
5. A Committee on Printing.
6. A Committee on Necrology.
7. A Committee on Grand Lodge Arrangements.

(a) The Committee on Judiciary, Credentials and Mileage and Per Diem, shall consist of five members, and that on By-Laws, Necrology, Grand Lodge Arrangements and Printing, shall consist of three members each, and provided that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Grand Master of Exchequer shall be ex-officio members of the Committee on Printing, and there shall also be appointed annually an Editor of Fraternal Correspondence.

(b) Said Committees shall act until the close of the next annual convention.

(c) The Grand Chancellor shall appoint members of each of said Committees to act as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Par. 17. Appoint Other Standing Committees at Opening of Convention. He shall appoint at the opening session of the first day of the Grand Lodge the following standing committees, consisting of three members each, whose term of service shall continue during the convention at which they are appointed.

1. A Committee on Grievances.
2. A Committee on Reports and Returns of Subordinate Lodges.
3. A Committee on Warrants and Charters.
4. A Committee on Rules.
5. A Committee on Review and Reports.

Par. 18. Appoint Deputy Grand Chancellor. He shall appoint and commission, subject to revocation, a Deputy Grand Chancellor for each lodge.

Par. 19. Appoint Other Deputies. He may appoint a deputy or deputies to aid and assist him in enforcing the laws of the Order or in carrying out their provisions, or in making official visits.

Par. 20. Compensation. Their compensation shall be the same as that of members of committees for vacation work. For making official visits the Grand Lodge shall pay no mileage, but the Lodge visited shall pay his actual expenses.

Par. 21. Ritualistic Duties. He shall perform such other duties as are required by the Ritual of the Order and the laws and statutes now in force or that may be hereafter enacted.

Par. 22. Salary. The actual incumbent of the office of Grand Chancellor shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars per month for his services as such officer, for each month of his term, to be paid monthly at the end of each month.

Par. 23. Grand Chancellor's Contingent Fund. There shall be set aside annually by the Grand Lodge the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), or such sum which, when taken with any fund remaining unexpended in the Fund hereby created, at the beginning of each official term, will equal the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), which said sum shall be designated The

Grand Chancellor's Contingent Fund, said fund to be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Chancellor at all times, and shall be judiciously used by him for the purpose of aiding and assisting, by official visit, by himself or deputy, weak and dependent Lodges, needful and worthy of assistance and stimulation.

Par. 24. **Visits, Personally by Grand Chancellor or by Deputy.** It shall be the duty of the Grand Chancellor to investigate and ascertain the name and number of all Lodges coming within the provisions of Section 23 hereof, and if, within his judgment, a visit either by himself or deputy appointed for that purpose, as provided in the foregoing section, be deemed advisable, he may order the same and the payment of the expense thereof out of said fund, in manner hereinafter set forth; provided, however, but two of such visits to any one Lodge for such purpose shall be made during the year.

Par. 25. **Per Diem and Mileage.** When visits are made as provided by Sections 23 and 24 hereof by a deputy, there shall be allowed to such deputy Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each day or fraction thereof actually spent in going to, working at and returning from said Lodge, and mileage at three cents per mile by nearest route. The amount for such services and mileage, together with the report of such visit, stating the name, number and location of Lodge visited, shall be certified by the Grand Chancellor to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, whereupon a record shall be made by him of such report and the amount so certified shall be paid out of said Grand Chancellor's Contingent Fund, upon proper order thereon.

Par. 26. **Record.** It shall be the duty of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to keep an account of all orders drawn by him upon such fund, to whom paid, the name, number and location and membership of Lodge visited, and he shall include the same in his annual report to the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER III.

GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR AND DEFINING HIS POWERS AND DUTIES.

3. **Have Supervision of Inner Door and Fill Office of Grand Chancellor.** The Grand Vice-Chancellor shall have supervision of the inner door of the Grand lodge. In the absence or at the request of the Grand Chancellor, he shall preside over the Grand

Lodge, and in the event of the death, removal, resignation or inability of the Grand Chancellor to perform the duties of his office, the power of authority conferred on the Grand Chancellor, shall for the time being be asserted by the Grand Vice-Chancellor. He shall perform such other duties as are required by the usages of the Order and the laws and statutes in force.

CHAPTER IV.

GRAND PRELATE AND HIS DUTIES.

4. Ritualistic Duties. The Grand Prelate shall in addition to the duties prescribed in the Rituals of the Order, perform such other duties consistent with his office, as the Grand Lodge may require.

CHAPTER V.

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL AND HIS DUTIES.

5. Paragraph 1. Attend Conventions and Keep Journal. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall attend each Convention of the Grand Lodge and keep a true and correct record of all its proceedings, and at the close of each annual Convention, have the same printed, under the supervision of the Committee on Printing, in such number as the Grand Lodge may direct, and transmit one copy to each Grand Lodge officer, and Grand Representative, two copies to each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain, one copy to each Grand Tribune, two copies to the office of the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, two copies to each Grand Lodge of the Order, two copies to the Supreme Lodge, and two copies to each Supreme Representative.

Par. 2. Keep Office Books and Records. He shall, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, keep an office open during the ordinary business hours, for the transaction of the business of his office, and provide the same with and keep the necessary records, books, papers, stationery, etc., for carrying out the laws and performing the duties of his office; conduct its correspondence; file all papers relating to the business of the Grand Lodge, and carefully preserve all documents, books and papers belonging thereto.

Par. 3. Prepare Forms and Provide Stationery. He shall prepare and cause to be printed blank forms for semi-annual returns of Subordinate Lodges, and such other blanks as may be necessary to obtain correct information of the work of the Order in this Domain; and provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge and its officers.

Par. 4. Keep Accounts. He shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its officers and all Subordinate Lodges, and report all delinquencies to the Grand Lodge.

Par. 5. Draw Orders. He shall draw all orders on the Grand Master of Exchequer, as authorized by the Grand Lodge, attest the same with the Seal of the Grand Lodge, and make a full and detailed record of the same.

Par. 6. Report in Writing to Annual Convention. He shall submit at each annual Convention, on the first day thereof, a written report of the transactions of his office for the past fiscal year, showing all moneys received and from what source, and such other information as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct, or the good of the Order require, together with such suggestions as he may deem of interest to the Grand Lodge; and estimates of the probable expenses and receipts of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year next ensuing.

Par. 7. Annual Returns to Supreme Lodge. He shall make out annual returns of the work and business of the Grand Lodge, and forward the same with the Supreme Lodge tax as required by the Supreme Law.

Par. 8. Attest Charters and Warrants. He shall attest all Charters and Warrants granted for new lodges, and all official papers and documents, with the Grand Lodge Seal.

Par. 9. Attend Committees. He shall attend any committee of the Grand Lodge when requested to do so by the Chairman thereof, and furnish such books, papers, vouchers, etc., as may be required.

Par. 10. Forward Documents to Committee. He shall forward to the Chairman of the appropriate standing committees such matter received by him as should properly be referred to them.

Par. 11. Have Custody of Seal. He shall have the custody of the Grand Lodge Seal, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the laws of this Domain, or as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

Par. 12. Bond and Approval. Before anyone shall be installed into the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, he shall file with the Grand Chancellor a bond, with sureties approved by the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Vice-Chancellor, in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, and for the delivery to his successor, at the end of his official term or upon his removal from office, of all the property and funds of the Grand Lodge that may have come into his hands by virtue of his incumbency of the office, which may or should be in his keeping at the time the office is vacated. If such bond be not filed during the Convention of the Grand Lodge at which said officer is elected, the Grand Chancellor shall install him into his office upon his executing and filing such bond at any time within ten days after his election. If such bond shall not be filed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal-elect within fifteen days after his election, the office shall be declared vacant by the Grand Chancellor, and an appointment made by him to fill the same, subject to all the requirements of this section as to giving bond.

Par. 13. Collect and Pay Money to Grand Master of Exchequer. He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Lodge and pay the same monthly to the Grand Master of Exchequer; keep an accurate account showing the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and submit his books and accounts to the Trustees for examination and inspection, whenever called upon so to do.

Par. 14. Turn Over Books, Etc. He shall at the expiration of his term of office, or on his resignation or removal therefrom, deliver to his successor in office, immediately on the approval of his official bond, all furniture, books, papers, blanks, stationery, records, property, etc., belonging to the Grand Lodge which may be in his possession.

Par. 15. Semi-Annual Report to Grand Chancellor. He shall make and transmit to the Grand Chancellor on or before February 1, and August 1, of each year, a report of the transactions of his office during the previous six months, and shall submit to

the Grand Lodge, at the opening of each annual Convention, a written report, showing the general condition of the Order and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

Par. 16. Keep Detailed Account of Supplies. He shall keep a detailed account of all Grand Lodge supplies coming into his hands, and the amount received for such as may be sold, and report the kind and amount of all supplies on hands in his annual report to the Grand Lodge.

Par. 17. Salary. The actual incumbent of the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall receive, as compensation for his services, the sum of one hundred dollars per month, to be paid monthly at the end of each month.

Par. 18. Clerk. When in the judgment of the Grand Chancellor he shall deem it expedient, he may appoint a clerk to assist the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in his work, who shall receive a salary not in excess of seventy-five dollars per month, payable monthly at the end of each month, and who shall perform such duties as the Grand Chancellor may direct.

CHAPTER VI.

GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER AND HIS DUTIES.

6. Receive and Receipt for Money, Etc. The Grand Master of Exchequer shall enter upon the duties of his office immediately after his installation; he shall receive all funds, evidences of title and property that should come into his hands by virtue of his office, and shall give receipts therefor by his proper signature and official title, and he and his sureties shall be responsible therefor.

7. Bond and Approval. Before anyone shall be installed into the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, he shall file with the Grand Chancellor a bond, with sureties approved by the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Vice-Chancellor in the penal sum of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars or such greater sum as the Grand Trustees shall fix in writing, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, and for the delivery to his successor at the end of his official term or upon his removal from office or resignation, of

all property and funds of the Grand Lodge of which he may become possessed by virtue of his incumbency of said office, which may or shall be in his possession at the time the office is vacated. If such bond be not filed during the convention of the Grand Lodge at which said officer is elected, the Grand Chancellor shall install him into his office upon his executing and filing such bond at any time within ten days after his election. If such bond shall not be filed by the Grand Master of Exchequer-elect within fifteen days after his election, the office shall be declared vacant by the Grand Chancellor, and an appointment made by him to fill the vacancy, subject to all the requirements of this section as to giving bond.

8. **Pay Orders.** He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Chancellor and attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and such orders when properly endorsed by the respective payees, shall be his only valid vouchers for the disbursements of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

9. **Keep Accounts.** He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He shall submit his books and accounts to the Trustees for examination and inspection, whenever called upon by them so to do.

10. **Attend Conventions Prepared to Turn Over Funds.** He shall attend all the Conventions of the Grand Lodge and shall at all times be prepared to turn over to his successor in office all the funds and property in his possession. He shall present to the Grand Lodge, at the opening of each annual convention, a written report giving a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements of his office during the preceding fiscal year.

11. **Attend Committees.** He shall, whenever notified by the Chairman, attend any committee of the Grand Lodge, and furnish such books and papers, in his possession, as may be required.

12. **Salary.** The actual incumbent of the office of Grand Master of Exchequer shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of twenty-five dollars per month, to be paid monthly at the end of each month.

13. **Surety Bonds.** All bonds referred to in Chapters 5 and 6 shall be purchased of some approved surety company and be paid for by the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER VII.

GRAND MASTER AT ARMS, GRAND INNER GUARD AND GRAND OUTER GUARD.

14. **Duties.** The Grand Master at Arms, Grand Inner and Grand Outer Guards shall perform such duties as are laid down in the Ritual; provided, that in addition thereto the Grand Outer Guard shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the jewels and other property of the Grand Lodge in his care during any convention thereof.

CHAPTER VIII.

GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

15. **General Supervision Over Property.** The Trustees shall have general supervision and care of all Grand Lodge property, and all funds accruing from the same, and other funds placed in their hands; invest the same in loans, stocks and other securities as the Grand Lodge may direct; submit an inventory of all property owned by the Grand Lodge at its annual Convention and perform such other duties as may be required of them by law.

16. **Examine, Audit Books, and Report.** The Trustees, between the fifth and fifteenth days of August of each year, and at such other times as they may be directed by the Grand Chancellor, shall examine and audit the books and accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Grand Master of Exchequer, and all other officers, or committees who may be entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of funds of the Grand Lodge. After each of the examinations herein provided for, the Trustees shall make a full report of the result of such examination to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor, as in their judgment may be necessary. Copies of all reports so made shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at its ensuing annual convention. They shall examine and report on all resolutions, proposed statutes, or amendments thereof, which involve an expenditure of money from the Exchequer of the Grand Lodge. They shall also report estimates for all expenditures of money from the

Exchequer of the Grand Lodge during the current fiscal year, together with resolutions making appropriations therefor. They shall consider and report upon all resolutions, proposed statutes, or amendments thereof, relating to the revenue of the Grand Lodge, and shall report such legislation for the raising of the revenue as they may deem necessary or expedient.

CHAPTER IX.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

17. **Judiciary to Report Laws, Amendments, Revision or Codification, and on Officers' Reports.** The Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report on all proposed amendments to the Constitution or Statutes which may be referred to it; prepare any revision or codification of the Grand Statutes or Grand Constitution, whenever the same shall be ordered by the Grand Lodge; consider and report upon such portions of the reports of officers of the Grand Lodge as may be referred to it, and recommend such legislation as it may deem expedient.

18. **Credentials—Examine and Report On.** The Committee on Credentials shall examine and report on such credentials of Past Chancellors and Grand Representatives as may be submitted to it by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, immediately prior to or upon the opening of the Convention. It shall also examine and report upon such credentials as may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge.

19. **Editor of Fraternal Correspondence.** The Editor of Fraternal Correspondence shall examine and report upon such reports of the Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Chancellors, so far as the same relate to the state of the Order, and upon such other matters as may be referred to him, presenting in his report an exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order in this Domain, recommending such measures for the good of the Order as he may conclude the circumstances require. He shall examine the correspondence and documents from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and report at each annual session whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to demand its attention and action. And the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall have printed not to ex-

ceed fifteen hundred copies of the report of the Editor of Fraternal Correspondence in the usual form, not to exceed fifty pages in quantity, at least two weeks in advance of the sitting of the Grand Lodge, and that he transmit one copy thereof to each Supreme and Grand Representative, one to each Grand Lodge Officer of this Domain, one to each Subordinate Lodge of this Domain, two to each Grand Domain, and two to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

20. Mileage Computed by Shortest Route. The Committee on Mileage shall compute the mileage of members and representatives by the shortest route, and report the amount to which each is entitled.

21. Grievances of Lodges and Members. The Committee on Grievances shall consider and report on all grievances from the Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodge, or members, which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge.

22. Reports and Returns of Subordinate Lodges. The Committee on Reports and Returns of Subordinate Lodges shall carefully examine the reports from the several Subordinate Lodges within this Domain, and shall accompany its report thereon by such recommendations relating thereto as it may deem necessary or desirable.

23. Warrants and Charters. The Committee on Warrants and Charters shall examine and report upon such portions of the reports of the Grand Officers as may be referred to it. It shall also examine and report as to all warrants for Subordinate Lodges issued by the Grand Chancellor, and upon all applications for charters, with such recommendations as it may deem necessary and desirable.

24. By-Laws. The Committee on By-Laws shall examine and pass upon all by-laws and amendments thereto of Subordinate Lodges, and it shall report any article or section which may conflict with the Constitution or Statutes.

25. Rules. The Committee on Rules shall from time to time report such rules as it may deem desirable, or as the Grand Lodge may direct, for the conduct of the business of the Grand Lodge.

26. Committee on Review and Reports. The Committee on Review and Reports shall carefully examine the report of every Grand Lodge Officer, Board or Body and refer to the proper Committee such subject matter therein as it deems should be acted upon by said Committee, and, so far as said report deals with the expenditures of Grand Lodge funds, to recommend dealing with retrenchment and reform, and to examine, verify and report upon the corrections of the Journal of the preceding Convention.

27. Printing. The Committee on Printing shall have general supervision, as may be provided by the Grand Statutes, of all matters relating to the printing or binding of journals, books, or other printed matter, except printing supplies required by the Grand Lodge.

28. Necrology. The Committee on Necrology shall report annually to the Grand Lodge, in writing, the names of all Knights in this Domain who have died during the year, together with such facts as the committee shall deem advisable concerning their standing and work during their Pythian career.

29. Grand Lodge Arrangements. The Committee on Grand Lodge Arrangements shall have supervision of obtaining hotel and railroads rates for those attending Grand Lodge conventions and of all public programs, parades and entertainments during Grand Lodge conventions.

30. Special Committees—When Appointed. The Grand Chancellor when so directed by the Grand Lodge, shall appoint special committees, whose duties shall be such as may be designated or assigned in the legislation by which they were created.

31. Committee Meetings. The Committees of the Grand Lodge shall hold such meetings during the recess of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary, or as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor may direct.

32. May Require Attendance and Production of Books. The Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and empowered to require the attendance of any and all persons before them, and the production of all books, papers and documents which may be necessary for the performance of

their duties. Special committees shall have such power only when previously conferred by the Grand Lodge.

33. Report in Duplicate by Majority. Every report of a committee shall be made in writing and in duplicate, addressed to the Grand Lodge by its appropriate title, and signed by a majority of the members; provided, a minority of the committee shall be entitled to make reports in the same manner.

CHAPTER X.

ASSEMBLY AND COMPOSITION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

34. Grand Council. The Grand Council shall consist of the elective officers and Supreme Representatives. The Grand Chancellor shall assemble the Grand Council whenever in his judgment the counsel and advice of such officers is necessary for the protection of the Order, or to provide against unforeseen or impending calamity to the Order, or for the general welfare thereof; and it shall be his duty to assemble said Council whenever requested in writing to do so by five members thereof.

35. Place—Notice and Quorum. The assembly in council shall be at such time and place as the Grand Chancellor may determine. Reasonable notice thereof shall be given by the Grand Chancellor to each member of the Grand Council. Five shall constitute a quorum of such assembly in council, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be ex-officio secretary of the assembly.

CHAPTER XI.

SPECIAL CONVENTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

36. Place—Notice. The Grand Chancellor, whenever in his judgment, concurred in by three elective officers of the Grand Lodge, the interests of the Order require it, shall call a special convention of the Grand Lodge at a time and place to be fixed by him, to consider such matters only as may be specified in such call. Reasonable notice of the time and place of such special convention, and of the matters to be considered, must be given to each member of the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER XII.

SUCCESSION IN CASE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICES OF GRAND CHANCELLOR OR GRAND VICE-CHANCELLOR.

37. Vacancy in Office of Grand Chancellor—How Filled.

In the case of the vacancy in the office of the Grand Chancellor caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the incumbent as provided by law, the duties of the office shall immediately devolve upon the Grand Vice-Chancellor, who shall be and act as Grand Chancellor for the remainder of the current annual term, and until the said office shall have been duly filled by election and installation at the ensuing annual convention of the Grand Lodge.

38. Title of Office. While acting as and discharging the duties of Grand Chancellor during the temporary absence or disability of the incumbent of said office, the Grand Vice-Chancellor shall be known and styled "Grand Chancellor, pro tempore."

39. Grand Vice-Chancellor Appointed. Within ten days from the time a vacancy shall have been caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Chancellor, pro tempore, shall appoint a Grand Representative to the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, and shall prior to the ensuing convention of the Grand Lodge install such officer.

40. Vacancy in Office of Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor—How Filled. If, in case of death, resignation, impeachment, or removal from office of the Grand Chancellor, a vacancy should exist in the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, caused by the death, resignation or removal from office of the incumbent of such office, or in case of the death of the Grand Vice-Chancellor before entering upon the duties of Grand Chancellor, then, in such case, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith notify each officer of the Grand Lodge of the existence of such vacancy in the offices of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice-Chancellor, and shall appoint a time and place at which such officers shall assemble in council. The place selected for such council shall be so situated in this Grand Domain that it may be reached before the date fixed for the assembly by a majority of said officers, and the time selected shall not be more than ten days subsequent to the date upon which the

vacancy in the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor shall have occurred.

41. Officers to Select Successors. The members of the Grand Council, when assembled, as hereinbefore provided, shall choose one of their number as Chairman and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall be ex-officio secretary. If six members or more be present they shall elect from the members of the Grand Lodge in good standing, one to be Grand Chancellor and one to be Grand Vice-Chancellor. Such election shall be by ballot, and a majority of votes of those present shall be necessary to an election.

42. Officers-Elect to Be Notified. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify each officer-elect of his election within one day thereafter, and if, within ten days from the date of his election, such officer shall be installed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal or by any officer of the Grand Lodge in the presence of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; he shall forthwith enter upon the duties of the office to which he has been elected. But if such officer-elect shall not within the time required for installation be duly installed, then the office to which he was elected shall be deemed to be vacant and such vacancy shall be filled as provided by this Chapter.

CHAPTER XIII.

GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS.

43. Limit of Authority. The Grand Chancellor shall have power to grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges within the Domain of the Grand Lodge, and a Deputy Grand Chancellor shall have power to grant dispensations as provided by Paragraph 8. In cases of emergency, the Grand Chancellor shall be authorized to grant other dispensations than herein provided:

Paragraph 1. More Than One Same Convention. To confer the three Ranks of the Order at the same convention, the fee for which shall be two dollars, to be paid by the candidate, one-half thereof to accompany the application for dispensation.

Par. 2. Persons Over Age. To confer the Ranks of the Order upon persons over fifty years of age.

Par. 3. **Maimed Persons.** To confer the Ranks on maimed persons in conformity with the Supreme Law.

Par. 4. **Change Place of Holding Convention.** To remove the place of holding conventions of a lodge from one hall to another.

Par. 5. **Change Nights.** To change the nights of conventions of a lodge.

Par. 6. **Longer Intervals.** To permit lodges to hold stated conventions at longer intervals than provided by law.

Par. 7. **Parades, Etc.** To have public parades, demonstrations, entertainments or celebrations as a lodge or lodges.

Par. 8. Deputy Grand Chancellors may grant dispensation to confer more than one Rank on the same person at the same meeting, or at intervals of time less than provided by law.

Par. 9. **Fee for Dispensation.** For all dispensations except one authorizing the conferring of three Ranks of the Order at the same convention, a fee of one dollar shall be paid by the Subordinate Lodge applying therefor. Said fee shall accompany the application, and the Grand Chancellor shall cover the same into the Grand Exchequer.

44. **Limiting Parades.** Subordinate Lodges shall not make public parade or display as a lodge or lodges, except on the occasion of funeral, memorial and church services, without obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Chancellor.

CHAPTER XIV.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR-

45. **Jurisdiction.** Deputy Grand Chancellors shall be deemed the representative of the Grand Chancellor in the Subordinate Lodges for which they are appointed. They shall be subject at all times to the instructions and control of the Grand Chancellor and shall be responsible to him for the manner in which their duties are discharged.

46. **Duties.** Each Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be commissioned by the Grand Chancellor, and the powers and duties of such Deputy shall be to see that the work of the Order in his

lodge is performed in accordance with law, to install the officers of his lodge and perform such other duties as are set forth in such commission, and not otherwise. Such commission unless sooner revoked, shall expire by its own limitation, or with the term of office of the Grand Chancellor issuing the same.

47. Cannot Delegate Except. No power or duty delegated or assigned to a Deputy Grand Chancellor shall be assigned or delegated by him to any other person whomsoever. Except that he may appoint another Past Chancellor to install the officers of a Subordinate Lodge whom it is his official duty to install.

CHAPTER XV.

ELECTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND INSTALLATION.

48. Election Annually by Ballot on Afternoon of First Day. Subject to the provisions of Article VI., Section 2, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, the officers named in the said section shall be elected at each annual convention of the Grand Lodge hereafter held. The election of such officers shall be by ballot and shall be held on the afternoon of the first day immediately after the opening of the session.

49. Nominations. Nominations for the several officers to be elected shall be made at 11 o'clock a. m., on the first day of the annual convention at which the said officers are to be elected, and no other persons shall be voted for, at the election.

50. Duplicate Lists Prepared. Prior to the annual convention of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall prepare duplicate lists of the lodges, including the number of votes to which each lodge is entitled.

51. Tickets Prepared. Prior to the annual convention the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall, under the direction of the Grand Chancellor, also prepare a sufficient number of tickets having printed thereon the titles of the entire list of officers to be voted for, with sufficient space for the name to be written beneath each title. No other ticket shall be voted unless by consent of the lodge, and all ballots cast upon other tickets shall not be counted by the tellers unless consent has

been given to use other tickets by the lodge before the vote is taken.

52. Votes to be Deposited. The roll of the lodges shall be called with the number of votes to which each lodge and officer is entitled. The representatives and officers shall then advance to the ballot-box and deposit the number of votes to which the lodge is entitled for all the officers to be elected, and announce in distinct language the number of votes so cast which shall be recorded on the duplicate lists in the possession of the tellers.

53. Tellers Appointed. The Grand Chancellor shall appoint, previous to the election, two or more tellers to conduct the same. Should the number of votes cast be less than seventy-five or be greater than the number of legally qualified voters present, the presiding officer shall declare the ballot illegal and order another.

54. Candidate Receiving Lowest Vote Dropped. When there is more than one nominee for the same office, it shall require a majority of all votes cast to elect; when there are more than two nominees for the same office, the one receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot, shall be dropped until an election is had; provided, that where there is but one nominee the presiding officer shall declare him elected. And, provided further, whenever by dropping the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes, or otherwise there are or remain three nominees only, where there are two to be elected to the same office, the two receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected. And a name presented for any office cannot be withdrawn or dropped except as provided in this section.

55. No Motion While Nominations Are Being Made. While the nominations for officers and place of meeting are being made and the ballot taken, no motion shall be entertained or permitted, except by unanimous consent.

56. Installation on Last Day. The Grand Officers-elect shall be installed on the last day of the convention, immediately before its close. If any officer-elect is absent at the time of installation, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, his office shall be declared vacant, and an election held at once

to fill said vacancy. If an officer-elect has been excused by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor shall have the power to install such officer, during recess, at his convenience. The installation of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer shall be subject, however, to the provisions of Paragraph 12, of Section 5, and of Section 7, of the Grand Statutes.

CHAPTER XVI.

ELECTION OF THE SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR DUTIES.

57. **Elected at Same Time as Other Officers.** The Supreme representatives shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as the officers of the Grand Lodge subject to the provisions of the Supreme Constitution and the Supreme Statutes. Only Past Grand Chancellors who have attained that honor and who are in good standing in their respective lodges and the Grand lodge shall be eligible thereto.

58. **Attend Supreme Convention and Exemplify Secret Work.** They shall attend all conventions of the Supreme Lodge, and every session thereof; exemplify the secret work by two of their number to be selected by them; faithfully represent the interests and render obedience to the instructions of the Grand Lodge, and shall as soon as practicable thereafter make a full printed report to the Grand Lodge of all matters acted upon by the Supreme Lodge which they deem of interest to this Domain, and cause the said report to be mailed to all the Subordinate Lodges in this Domain.

59. **Vacancies Filled by Grand Chancellor Until Annual Convention.** Should a vacancy occur in the office of Supreme Representatives during the recess of the Grand Lodge, by death or otherwise, the Grand Chancellor shall by appointment fill said vacancy, and the appointment shall hold good until the next convention of the Grand Lodge, when the same shall be filled for the unexpired term by election.

CHAPTER XVII.

IMPEACHMENT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR OR A GRAND TRIBUNE.

60. For Breach of Trust, Drunkenness, Violation of Law. The Grand Chancellor, or a Grand Tribune, shall be liable to impeachment for drunkenness, or for breach of trust in connection with the funds of the Order, or for any violation of the criminal laws of his country or state, involving moral turpitude, or for neglect of his official duties or obligations, or for any willful betrayal of the interests of the Order, or for any conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias.

61. Preferred by Representatives or Officers. Articles of impeachment may be preferred against the Grand Chancellor, or a Grand Tribune, by ten or more Grand Representatives, or by four or more Ritualistic Grand Lodge Officers.

62. Tribunal to Try. The Grand Tribunal and the Grand Lodge officers other than those preferring the articles, shall be the Tribunal to try the Grand Chancellor or a Grand Tribune against whom articles of impeachment have been preferred.

63. Form of Articles. The articles of impeachment herein provided for shall be filed in duplicate and specify the offense or offenses charged, and in what it or they consist, with clearness and precision and with reasonable detail as to the time and place and circumstances, and be signed by the parties preferring them, and shall be filed with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

64. Procedure—Time, Place and Notice. When articles of impeachment shall have been preferred against the Grand Chancellor or against a Grand Tribune, and filed, the presiding officer of the trial tribunal shall fix a time and place for trial, and at once notify the other members of the tribunal of the time and place appointed. Thereupon the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall attest and issue a summons, citing the accused to appear before the trial tribunal on the day and at the place so appointed, which shall be specified in the summons. He shall issue at the same time a correct copy of the articles of impeachment, which shall accompany the summons and be left with the accused. Such summons and copy of the articles may be served by any member of the Order authorized by the Grand Keeper of

Records and Seal so to do. Personal service of the notice must be made on the accused if he can be found in the city or town in which his lodge is situated, at least ten clear days prior to the hearing. If not so found therein, then by depositing it in the postoffice, postage prepaid, addressed to him at his last known address, at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

65. Evidence and Notice of Taking. Evidence on the trial of impeachments may be oral or by deposition. At least ten clear days' written notice of the time and place of taking depositions shall be given the adverse party. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, upon application of the accused, may designate by order in writing, which shall be filed and kept with the papers, the party upon whom notice to the prosecution may be served. The notice may be served either by personal service, or by registered letter mailed to the last known address of the person entitled thereto.

66. Grand Chancellor to Preside. The Grand Chancellor shall preside at the impeachment of a Grand Tribune, unless he be one of those preferring the articles, in which event the officer of the Grand Lodge highest in rank, not so disqualified, shall preside.

67. Chief Tribune to Preside. The Chief Tribune shall preside on the impeachment of the Grand Chancellor.

68. Counsel. In all cases, either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be members of the Order in good standing.

69. Jurisdiction. On the trial of impeachments, the trial tribunal shall have such jurisdiction and powers as are conferred by the provisions of the Grand Constitution relating to impeachment.

70. Officers Suspended During Trial. The Grand Chancellor or Grand Tribune impeached hereunder shall be suspended from the exercises of his official duties until his acquittal. If the Grand Chancellor or Grand Tribune impeached shall be convicted, the judgment shall not extend beyond the removal from office and disqualification to fill any office in the Order thereafter.

71. Suspended Officers' Places to Be Filled During Trial. When the Grand Chancellor shall be suspended from the exer-

cise of his official duties, pending his impeachment as herein provided for, the Grand Vice-Chancellor shall discharge the duties of Grand Chancellor pending such suspension. When a member of the Grand Tribunal shall be suspended from the exercise of his official duties, pending his impeachment, as herein provided, the Grand Chancellor shall fill by appointment the temporary vacancy thus occasioned; provided, that such temporary tribune shall not sit on said impeachment tribunal.

72. May Be Tried Again for Same Offense. Impeachment and conviction hereunder shall not preclude or prevent the trial and punishment of the offender for the same offense before any other tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction of the party and of the offense.

73. Guilt Determined by Yea and Nay Vote. After all the evidence and argument upon the impeachment of the Grand Chancellor or of a Grand Tribune shall have been heard and considered, as hereinbefore provided, the guilt of the accused shall be determined by the trial tribunal by vote by yeas and nays, and the vote shall be entered in full upon the minutes of its proceedings, full and accurate record of all of which shall be kept by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. If two-thirds of all the members shall vote in favor of his conviction, the judgment shall be removal of the accused from his office and disqualification to hold any office in the Order thereafter, or only removal from Office, as the trial tribunal by a two-thirds vote may determine, and the judgment shall be recorded on the minutes. If less than two-thirds of all the members vote for his conviction, the accused shall stand acquitted, and the judgment shall be so recorded on the minutes.

74. Records Returned to Grand Lodge. The record of the proceedings of the trial tribunal, including full abstract of the testimony, signed by the presiding officer thereof and attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at its next convention and filed in the archives of that body.

75. Appeal Allowed to Either Party. The defendant shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge upon his motion, from the decision of the trial tribunal. And the prosecution shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge upon the motion of at least two of the Grand Officers preferring the charges,

in case where the charges are preferred by the Grand Officers or upon motion of at least five of the Grand Representatives. And the Grand Lodge may, upon its own motion, by a majority vote, take up and consider any cause so tried, which trial shall be upon the record only, and a two-thirds vote of the members of the Grand Lodge shall be required to reverse the finding of the trial tribunal. If the judgment of the Grand Lodge is "guilty" in cases where the trial tribunal found "not guilty," then, the Grand Lodge shall by a two-thirds vote fix the penalty as provided in this chapter.

76. If Grand Chancellor Impeached, Grand Vice-Chancellor Shall Perform Duties. If the Grand Chancellor impeached hereunder shall be convicted and removed from office, the duties of the office shall at once devolve upon the Grand Vice-Chancellor for the unexpired term of said Grand Chancellor.

77. If Tribune Impeached, Vacancy to Be Filled. If a Grand Tribune shall be impeached, convicted and removed from office, the vacancy shall be filled at once by the appointment by the Grand Chancellor of a person eligible thereto, who shall hold said office until the next convention of the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER XVIII.

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, EXCEPT

GRAND CHANCELLOR.

78. Cause for Removal. Any Grand Lodge officer other than the Grand Chancellor, may be removed from office for drunkenness, or for a breach of trust in connection with the funds of the Order, or for any violation of the criminal laws of his country or state, involving moral turpitude, or for willful neglect of his official duties, or obligations, or for any willful betrayal of the interests of the Order or for conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias.

79. Charges Preferred—Contents. For any of the offenses specified in the preceding section, charges may be preferred against such Grand Lodge officer by two or more members of the Grand Lodge. The charges herein provided for shall specify the offense charged and in what it consists, with clearness and precision, and with reasonable detail as to time,

place and circumstances, and shall be filed with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal. Two or more members of the Grand Lodge may prefer charges for causes as stated in preceding section, which shall be in writing, and shall specify the offense charged with clearness and precision.

80. Tribunal to Try—Chief Tribune to Preside—Authority. The Grand Tribunal shall constitute the Tribunal for the trial of Grand Lodge officers, as provided by this chapter. The Chief Tribune shall be the presiding officer at same, and said tribunal may continue, change place of trial and do such other acts in the premises as justice to the lodge and to the accused shall demand.

81. Charges Filed—Time, Place and Procedure of Trial. When such charges shall have been preferred they shall be filed with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, who shall immediately notify the presiding officer of the Grand Tribunal, who shall fix a time and place for the hearing of same, and shall at once notify all members of the Grand Tribunal of said time and place. The Recorder shall thereupon issue a summons, together with a certified copy of the charges, citing the accused to appear before the tribunal on the hour and day and at the place specified in said summons, which shall be served personally on the accused by the Marshal or other person acting as such for the Grand Tribunal, if found within the city or town in which the lodge of the accused is located at least ten clear days before the hearing. If not found, as above stated, then notice shall be given by registered letter, addressed to the accused at his last known address and deposited in the postoffice, at least two weeks prior to the date of hearing.

82. Oral Evidence—Notice of Deposition. Evidence on the trial of such charges may be oral or by depositions. At least ten clear days' notice of the time and place of taking depositions shall be given the adverse party. The Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, upon application of the accused, may designate by order in writing the party on whom notice to the prosecution may be served, but such order shall be filed and kept with the papers in the cause. The notice may be served either by personal service, or by registered letter to the proper postoffice address of the person entitled thereto. A commissioner to take

such deposition shall be appointed in writing by a Grand Tribune.

83. Plaintiff—Defendant—Counsel. In all cases either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be members of the Order in good standing. The members preferring charges as stated herein shall be termed the Plaintiffs, and the officers against whom the charges are preferred, the Defendants.

84. Defendant Suspended—Removal and Disqualification—Appointment. The Defendant shall be suspended temporarily by the Grand Chancellor from the exercise of his official duties while such charges are pending, and the vacancy thus occasioned shall be filled by the Grand Chancellor by appointment, but, however, should the Defendant be convicted upon the said charges preferred, then the duties of said office shall devolve upon the person so appointed to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. A conviction and removal from office shall require an affirmative vote of three members of the Tribunal, and should four members of said Tribunal vote in favor of conviction the judgment shall be removal from office and disqualification to hold any office in the Order thereafter, or, removal from office only, as said tribunal may determine. Conviction thereunder shall not prevent or preclude the trial and punishment of Defendant for the same offense before any other tribunal of the Order having jurisdiction of the party and of the offense.

85. Full Record Kept and Returned to Grand Lodge. The Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of the trial, which record signed by the presiding officer and attested by the Recorder, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge at its next convention and filed in the archives of that body.

86. Rehearing Appeal and Writ of Error Allowed. Either party shall have the right of rehearing and appeal and writ of error as provided in other trials before the Grand Tribunal and upon the same terms, and the appeal and writ of error shall be to the Supreme Tribunal.

CHAPTER XIX.

ITEMIZED REPORTS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

87. Printed Annual Itemized Reports of Officers. All Grand Lodge Officers, or Members of Committees, or other officers charged with the distribution of the funds of the Grand Lodge or the payment of expenses incident to the duties of such office or committee, are each required to present at the opening session of each annual convention of said Grand Lodge an itemized statement of all disbursements, and expenses paid during the year, showing purpose of disbursement or expense paid, to whom, and dates thereof, and said statements shall be printed by an officer or committee and a copy thereof furnished to each officer and Representative of Grand Lodge at said session.

CHAPTER XX.

COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION OF GRAND LODGE
—MEETINGS OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES—GRAND LODGE
COUNCILS—SESSIONS OF GRAND TRIBUNAL.

88. Members—Officers and Committee Compensation. All Past Grand Chancellors, Grand Lodge Officers (except Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal), Members of Grand Lodge Committees and one Grand Representative from each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain shall receive compensation for attendance at Grand Lodge Conventions, the sum of two dollars per day each, as follows:

Paragraph 1. For actual attendance at each daily session of the Grand Lodge and for one day going to, and returning from said convention, including intervening Sundays and days which for reason no session may be held.

Par. 2. For each mile of distance traveled in going to and returning from such conventions, a mileage compensation of two and one-half cents.

Par. 3. In computing the mileage compensation, the distance shall be reckoned from the actual residence within the Domain of which any person named in this section shall be a member, to the point at which the convention of the Grand Lodge is held, and return therefrom by the shortest route.

89. Committee Compensation. Members of all committees of the Grand Lodge shall receive for attendance at any legal

meeting of such committee during the recess of Grand Lodge a per diem and mileage compensation at the rate of five dollars per day and three cents per mile, respectively, computed on same basis as set out in Section 88 hereof. The Chairman of the committee shall certify in writing the amount each is entitled to under the provisions of this section and shall file such certificate with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, whereupon the amount so certified shall be paid out of the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

90. Grand Lodge Officers Assembled in Council. Grand Lodge Officers, except the Grand Chancellor, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal when assembled in council as provided by the Grand Statutes, shall receive for attendance at such assembly in council, a per diem and mileage compensation of five dollars per day and three cents per mile, to be computed as above stated and paid out of the general fund of Grand Lodge on certificate of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

91. Tribunes and Recorder Paid. Members and the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall receive for attendance at any sitting thereof, when duly held as provided by law, compensation at the rate of five dollars per day, and three cents per mile, computed on the same basis as the compensation hereinbefore provided for attendance at conventions of the Grand Lodge. The Recorder shall certify in writing the amount of mileage and per diem to which each is entitled under the provision of this section from time to time, and shall file such certificate with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, whereupon the amount so certified shall be paid out of the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

92. But One Mileage Compensation for Each Journey. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the payment to one person of more than one mileage compensation for each journey performed to attend a convention of the Grand Lodge, or a meeting of a committee, or an assembly of the Grand Council.

93. Expenses of Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Grand Master of Exchequer and Deputies. All necessary reasonable expenses incurred by Grand Chancellor, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Grand Master of Exchequer and Deputies in the performance of their respective duties shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER XXI.

SEALS OF GRAND LODGE, SUBORDINATE LODGES AND
GRAND TRIBUNAL.

94. **Grand Chancellor Seal: Design—Custody.** The Official Seal of the Grand Chancellor shall be in accordance with the following design:



And shall be kept in the custody of the Grand Chancellor, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official signature only.

95. **Grand Lodge Seal: Design—Custody.** The Seal of the Grand Lodge shall be in accordance with the following design:



And shall be kept in the custody of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and shall be used in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.

96. **Grand Tribunal Seal: Design—Custody.** The Official Seal of the Grand Tribunal shall bear the words, "Grand Tribunal, Knights of Pythias," in the outer circle thereof, and the

words, "Domain of Iowa," in the center thereof. Said Seal shall be kept in the custody of the Recorder of the Tribunal and shall be used in authenticating such documents as require official attestation.

97. **Subordinate Lodge Seal; Design—Custody.** Each Subordinate Lodge within this Domain shall have an Official Seal, which shall bear its name, number, location and date of institution, together with such appropriate devices as it shall adopt. Said Seal shall be kept in the custody of the Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation.

CHAPTER. XXII.

REVENUE AND SUPPLIES OF GRAND GOVERNMENT.

98. **Per Capita Tax, Warrants, Fees, Dispensations, Constitute Revenue.** The Revenue of the Grand Government shall be derived from per capita tax, fees for warrants and charters, fees for dispensations, and the sale of supplies.

99. **Five Per Cent Receipts and Not Exceeding Seventy Cents Per Capita.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge with each semi-annual report five per cent of the receipts from rank fees, dues, fines, penalties and reinstatements, and a per capita tax on all members except Pages and Esquires not to exceed seventy cents per annum, the amount to be fixed by the Grand Lodge at each annual convention.

100. **Price of Supplies, Etc.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; for Charters, Dispensations and supplies, as follows:

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| Charter fee | \$27.00 |
| Rituals, each | 3.00 |
| Question books, each | 1.50 |
| Installation books, each | .50 |
| Service books, each | .75 |
| Music books, each (odes, with notes)..... | .50 |
| Supreme Constitution and Statutes (paper)..... | .60 |
| Supreme Constitution and Statutes (cloth)..... | 1.00 |
| Grand Constitution and Statutes (paper)..... | .30 |

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| Grand Constitution and Statutes (cloth)..... | .45 |
| Grand Constitution and Statutes (sheep)..... | .75 |
| Decisions of Supreme Tribunal (per volume)..... | 1.25 |
| Amendment to Supreme Constitution and Statutes..... | .10 |
| Ode cards, each | .10 |
| Withdrawal cards, each | .50 |
| Transfer cards, each | .50 |
| Traveling shields, each..... | .25 |
| Orders on M. of E. (book form 500 orders)..... | 2.00 |
| Orders on M. of E. (name, number and location; pads of 100) | .60 |
| Orders on M. of E. (blank; pads of 100)..... | .50 |
| Receipts from M. of E. to M. of F. (book form 500 receipts) | 2.00 |
| Receipts from M. of E. to M. of F. (name, number and location; pads of 100) | .60 |
| Receipts from M. of E. to M. of F. (blank)..... | .50 |
| Official receipts (pad of 100)..... | .50 |
| Official receipts (pad of 100, with name, number and location of lodge) | 1.00 |
| Orders for S. A. P. W. (pad of 100)..... | .50 |
| Orders for S. A. P. W. (pad of 100, with name, number and location of lodge) | 1.00 |
| Petitions for membership (pad of 100)..... | .50 |
| Petitions for membership (pad of 50)..... | .30 |
| Grand Lodge cards, each | 1.00 |
| Second Rank blanks, (pad of 100)..... | .75 |
| Second Rank blanks (pad of 50)..... | .40 |
| Second Rank blanks (pad of 25)..... | .20 |
| Visitor's register | 2.00 |
| Roster of membership | 2.00 |
| Roll book of officers..... | 1.00 |
| Black list book (to enter names of rejected applicants).... | 1.00 |
| Record of minute book (large size)..... | 3.00 |
| Master of Finance historical record ledger (small size).. | 3.00 |
| Master of Finance historical record ledger (medium size) | 4.50 |
| Master of Finance historical record ledger (large size).... | 6.00 |
| Cash book of M. of F. (small size)..... | 1.25 |
| Cash book of M. of F. (large size)..... | 1.50 |
| Cash book of M. of E. (small size)..... | .80 |
| Cash book of M. of E. (large size)..... | 1.50 |
| Blank articles of incorporation (per set of three)..... | 1.00 |

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| Applications for withdrawal cards (pad of 50)..... | .25 |
| Applications for transfer cards (pad of 50)..... | .25 |
| Applications for reinstatement (pad of 100)..... | .50 |
| Applications for reinstatement (pad of 50)..... | .30 |
| Applications for reinstatement (pad of 25)..... | .15 |
| Notice of rejection of applicant (pad of 50)..... | .25 |
| Notice of rejection of applicant (pad of 25)..... | .15 |
| Notices to other lodges in the county of applicant for membership (pad of 100)..... | .50 |
| Delinquent notice to be sent by M. of F. thirty days prior to suspension of member (pad of 100)..... | .50 |
| Notice of suspension (pad of 50)..... | .25 |
| Notice of reinstatement (pad of 50)..... | .25 |
| Notice to Committee on Investigation (pad of 50)..... | .25 |
| Notices of assessment (pad of 50) | .25 |
| Applications for membership by withdrawal cards (pad of 50) | .30 |
| Applications for membership by card or transfer card (pad of 100) | .50 |
| Applications for membership by card or transfer card (pad of 50)..... | .30 |
| Applications for membership by card or transfer card (pad of 25) | .15 |
| Seal Subordinate Lodge (small size)..... | 4.00 |
| Seal Subordinate Lodge (large size)..... | 5.00 |
| Blank dispensations (pad of 50)..... | .25 |
| Knight's diploma (size 19 x 24, suitable for framing).... | 1.00 |
| Past Chancellor's diploma (suitable for framing)..... | 1.00 |
| Past Chancellor's card of honor | .50 |
| Past Grand Representative diploma (suitable for framing). | 1.00 |
| Certificate of honor (suitable for framing)..... | 1.00 |
| Past Grand Chancellor's diploma (suitable for framing)... | 2.00 |
| Jewels (prices fixed by Supreme Lodge). | |
| Mourning badges (per dozen)..... | 1.75 |

101. **Sale of Supplies.** The Grand Lodge shall possess the exclusive right to provide and sell all supplies enumerated in this chapter, used or to be used by Grand Lodge and all Subordinate Lodges in its Domain, and to fix the prices of same, and said prices may be increased or diminished at any time by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal acting together.

102. Offense Against Order to Manufacture or Purchase. Should any lodge or any individual member manufacture for itself or its own use or for the use of another, or obtain from any other source than that specified in this chapter, any of the supplies herein enumerated said lodge or individual members shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and punished as hereinafter provided.

103. Penalties for Lodge. In case the offender is a lodge within the Domain of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced of the commission of the offense, shall have power to suspend the Warrant or Charter of such lodge for such length of time as he may deem proper.

104. Penalties for Member. In case the offender is an individual member of the Order, the Grand Chancellor, on being convinced of the commission of the offense, shall enter a complaint in writing against such individual for such offense, before the lodge of which he is a member, and the Chancellor Commander shall thereupon proceed as in other cases where complaint is made against members for violation of Pythian Law, and upon trial and conviction the penalty shall be a fine of five dollars, and the member shall be suspended until the fine is paid. Said fine to be covered into the Grand Exchequer.

CHAPTER XXIII.

DISPOSAL OF THE FUNDS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

105. Limit of Use. The funds of the Grand Lodge shall not be applied to any purpose that is inconsistent with the principles or purposes of the Order.

106. Must Be Appropriated and Paid by Order. No expenditures shall be made from such funds except under appropriations made in accordance with the law, and upon an exchequer order, properly signed and attested.

CHAPTER XXIV.

VOTING IN THE GRAND LODGE.

107. Limited to Legislative Department. Voting in the Grand Lodge shall be confined to the members comprising the Legislative Department of the Grand Government.

108. **Majority.** A majority of the legal votes cast shall determine all questions before the Grand Lodge unless otherwise provided by law.

109. **Yeas and Nays Called by Ten.** On the call of ten members entitled to vote, the yeas and nays on any question shall be taken and entered in the Journal.

110. **Viva Voce Except on Elections.** The manner of voting shall be viva voce except for the election of officers, Supreme Representatives and the selection of a place of meeting for the annual convention of the Grand Lodge, which shall be by written ballot.

CHAPTER XXV.

CREDENTIALS OF PAST CHANCELLORS.

111. **Form of Past Chancellor's Credentials.** A Past Chancellor, previous to his being admitted as a member of the Grand Lodge must present a credential from his Subordinate Lodge according to the following form furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

CERTIFICATE OF PAST CHANCELLOR.

.....Lodge, No.....

To the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Knights of Pythias:

This is to certify that....., having been duly qualified, passed the Chancellor Commander's chair of this lodge, is hereby entitled to become a member of the Grand Lodge, Domain of Iowa.

In witness thereof, we have hereunto affixed our signatures and the

Seal of the Lodge, at.....,Iowa,

(Seal) this.....day of.....A. D.

190...., and the Pythian Period the.....

Attest:

..... Chancellor Commander,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER XXVI.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN THE GRAND LODGE.

112. **Robert's Rules the Guide.** "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the guide of the Grand Lodge (except as changed by the Grand Lodge), and all Subordinate Lodges, in regard to parliamentary practice.

113. **Order of Business.** The business of the annual convention shall be taken up in the following order after the opening ceremonies:

1. Calling the roll of Officers and Representatives to ascertain a quorum.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Report of Committee on Rules.
4. Conferring the Grand Lodge Rank.
5. Report of Judiciary Committee.
6. Reading and passing upon the minutes.
7. Reports of Grand Officers.
8. Nominations of Officers at 11 a. m., first day.
9. Reports of standing committees.
10. Reports of special committees.
11. Unfinished business.
12. To receive refer, and act upon reports, petitions, appeals and other communications, and new business.
13. Election of officers afternoon first day.
14. Installation of officers.

TITLE II.

TRIBUNAL.

- I. Organization—Sessions.
- II. Appellate Jurisdiction.
- III. Original Jurisdiction.

CHAPTER I.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND TRIBUNAL.

114. **Number—Decisions.** The Grand Tribunal shall consist of five Tribunes, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of three shall be necessary to a decision.

115. **Appointed Session.** The members of the Grand Tribunal shall be nominated by the Grand Chancellor and confirmed

by an affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Grand Lodge in convention assembled and entitled to vote. Said Tribunal shall hold at least one session annually, and shall determine for itself the number and place of its sessions and give the notice thereof.

116. Term of Office of Tribunes—Chief Tribune. The members of the Grand Tribune so selected shall by ballot choose one of their number Chief Tribune. The term of each Tribune selected hereafter shall be five years.

117. Vacancies in Grand Tribune. Should a vacancy occur in office of Chief Tribune it shall be filled in the same manner as the selection of said officer, and, if for any reason the Chief Tribune should be unable to perform the duties as such, the above rule shall apply until such disability is removed as provided by the Grand Constitution.

118. Oath. Each Tribune, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his position, shall take and subscribe the following obligation:

"I (name) do solemnly pledge my knightly honor that I will support the Supreme Constitution of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, and the Grand Constitution of the Domain of Iowa, and that I will discharge the duties of Tribune, without prejudice or partiality, and to the best of my ability, so help me God."

The Chief Tribune shall administer the obligation to each Tribune hereafter chosen.

119. Recorder and Marshal to Be Appointed. The Grand Tribunal shall appoint a Recorder and a Marshal at its sessions for said Tribune. The duties of Marshal shall devolve upon the Recorder so long as the Tribunal shall elect, or until otherwise provided by law.

120. Duties of Recorder. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to attend upon the Tribunal at its sessions, issue its processes and keep a full and correct record of all the proceedings of said Tribunal. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to execute all processes and orders issuing from the Grand Tribunal or an associate Tribune in pursuance of law, and to take charge of all property of the Grand Government used by the Tribunal or its members.

121. **Reporter—Duties of.** The Grand Tribunal shall select from among its members a Reporter of its decisions, whose duty it shall be to compile and prepare same for printing and publication for each year, and who shall deliver the manuscript when so compiled and prepared to the Chairman of the Committee on Printing for publication, within thirty days of the end of each year.

122. **Calling Sessions—Adjournment.** All sessions of the Grand Tribunal shall be called by the Chief Tribune, who shall give to each associate Tribune and Officers of Grand Tribunal ten days' notice of the time and place of such session. If a quorum does not attend on the day appointed the Recorder shall note the fact on the record, and the session shall stand adjourned until the next day and so on until the third day, then if a quorum shall not attend, the Tribune or Tribunes present shall fix a time and place for the next session, and continue the business over until that time, and if during a session after a quorum has assembled, less than a quorum attend on any day, those in attendance may adjourn from day to day until the third day, or may appoint a time and place for next session and adjourn.

CHAPTER II.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE.

123. **Jurisdiction.** The Grand Tribunal has appellate jurisdiction over all judgments or decrees of any Subordinate Lodge, or from any final order or decision of the Grand Chancellor; and he may refer any matter submitted to him to the Grand Tribunal for decision.

124. **Appellant — Appellee — Appeal Taken.** Appeals as above stated shall be taken within twenty days from the rendition of such judgment decree, final order or decision, and not afterwards; provided, however, that if appellant is an infant, insane person or imprisoned, then within twenty days after the removal of such disability.

125. **Notice.** An appeal is taken and perfected by the service of a notice in writing on the adverse party or his attorney who appeared in the trial below, or if a lodge is the adverse party upon the Keeper of Records and Seal or Chancellor Com-

mander, as the case may be, and the person taking the appeal shall be termed the appellant, and the other party the appellee.

126. Appeal Extended. If the ends of justice may require an extension, the Subordinate Lodge rendering the order, decision or decree appealed from, may extend the time for taking such appeal upon application made within said twenty days.

127. Transcript Forwarded. Within thirty days after appeal is granted the officer having the original record in his custody shall make, certify and forward a complete transcript (or so much of said record as shall be necessary for the hearing of the appeal) to the Grand Tribunal, and no evidence shall be received except as provided in the next section.

128. Trial De Novo. The Grand Tribunal may, if in its judgment the ends of justice require, try said appeal anew, not only on the record sent up, but may order the original documents or other evidence to be forwarded, and may take testimony and hear additional evidence, except in acquittal in criminal cases.

129. Writ of Error—Appeal. All final judgments, orders, decrees or decisions from which an appeal would lie, except in acquittal in criminal cases, may be re-examined, reversed, affirmed or modified by the Grand Tribunal upon a Writ of Error if the application is made within six months of the entry of same; provided, however, if the party entitled to prosecute same is under legal disabilities stated in this chapter, then same may be prosecuted, within one year, exclusive of the term of such disability.

130. Authenticated Transcript of Record Filed and Assignment of Errors Served. To remove a case to the Grand Tribunal on writ of error the party complaining shall file with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal an authenticated transcript of the whole record, together with an assignment in writing of the error complained of, with a prayer for the relief desired. He shall give the adverse party ten clear days' notice of the time and place of filing the same, and the notice thus served shall be in lieu of any further citation of the party upon whom it is served, and no writ of error need actually issue unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Tribunal. Said assignment of errors and notice duly served upon the adverse party shall be annexed to the authenticated transcript, and shall be a necessary part of

the record upon which the Grand Tribunal may, except in acquittal in criminal cases, re-examine the cause removed there-to upon writ of error; but the Grand Tribunal may, in its discretion upon satisfactory showing by party complaining, order any original record or transcript of same.

131. Judgment May Be Suspended. Upon the institution of proceedings in the Grand Tribunal by writ of error, any member of the Grand Tribunal may at chambers supersede the judgment, decision, decree or order complained of, if upon examination of the transcript of the record and assignment of errors he is of the opinion that the purposes of justice will be best subserved thereby. His order directing that the proceedings shall operate as a supersedeas shall be in writing, and the party complaining shall at once give the adverse party written notice of such order, accompanied with a certified copy of the order.

132. Amendment on Appeal and Writ of Error. The Grand Tribunal may at any time, in its discretion and upon such terms as it may deem just, allow an amendment to the proceedings whereby any cause is sought to be removed to the Grand Tribunal by appeal or writ of error, if, in its judgment, the purposes of justice require it.

133. May Affirm, Direct Other Proceedings, or Grant New Trial. Except in acquittal in criminal cases, the Grand Tribunal may affirm, modify or reverse any judgment, decision, decree or order lawfully brought before it for review, or it may direct such further proceedings to be had by the inferior tribunal from which it came, as the justice of the case may require, or it may grant a new trial and remand the cause in such case, as it may deem necessary and proper.

134. Shall Issue Writs. The Grand Tribunal shall have power to issue and prescribe the forms of all writs and other process which may be necessary for the exercise of its jurisdiction, and the method of filing proceedings and pleadings, taking and obtaining testimony, entering and enrolling decrees, and collecting fines, and generally to regulate its practice in all matters over which it has jurisdiction.

135. Record May Be Corrected. If in any case the transcript of the record filed in the Grand Tribunal is not correct or not full and complete, either party may suggest a diminution of

the record and ask the Grand Tribunal for a certiorari directed to the Tribunal below, to send up a more perfect record. Such suggestions must be supported by affidavit, stating the defect, unless it is apparent on the face of the record.

136. Lost Record Supplied. When any cause has been removed to the Grand Tribunal and the record filed therein or any part thereof has been lost, or mislaid, or destroyed, the same may be supplied by order of the Grand Tribunal authorizing it to be supplied by a duly certified copy of the original record, when the same can be obtained. If this cannot be done, then the Grand Tribunal may authorize it to be supplied in substance and effect from the best evidence obtainable.

137. Rehearing Granted if Asked Within Sixty Days. The Grand Tribunal shall have the power to grant a rehearing of any matter determined by it for good cause shown; provided, an application for rehearing be made within sixty days.

138. Parties May Employ Counsel. In all cases pending in the Grand Tribunal, the parties may plead and manage their own cases personally, or by the assistance of such counsel as by the rules of the Grand Tribunal are permitted to conduct cases therein.

139. Authority to Punish Contempt. The Grand Tribunal shall have power to impose and administer all necessary obligations, and to punish, by fine, contempt of its authority; provided, that such power to punish contempts shall not be construed to extend to any case except misbehavior in the presence of the Grand Tribunal, or so near thereto as to obstruct its business, the misbehavior of any of the officers of the Grand Tribunal in their official transactions, and the disobedience or resistance by any such officer, or by any party, witness or counsel, or other person, to any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree or command of the Grand Tribunal.

140. Fines Paid to Grand Lodge. The fines imposed in such cases when collected shall be paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge by the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal.

CHAPTER III.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE.

141. **Exclusive and Original Jurisdiction.** The Grand Tribunal shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all controversies between Subordinate Lodges in this Domain.

142. **Complaint.** The Subordinate Lodge or a member thereof, desiring relief as provided for herein, shall prepare and file with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal a clear and concise statement in writing of the relief asked for, in case of a Subordinate Lodge signed by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal thereof properly authenticated by the Seal of said lodge, and in case of a member thereof it shall be signed by said member and verified by his pledge of honor to the effect that the statements made therein are true.

143. **Notice to Defendant.** The Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall without delay send by registered mail a written notice to each person designated as Defendant, together with a copy of such statement attested by him, that ten days thereafter said cause therein described will be entered on the Docket of the Grand Tribunal.

144. **Time of Hearing.** At the expiration of said ten days, said cause shall be entered upon the Docket of the Grand Tribunal and ready for hearing as herein provided. There shall also be filed with every pleading herein a copy thereof for the use of the adverse party, which shall be forwarded by said Recorder without delay by registered mail to such adverse party.

145. **Evidence—Depositions.** Ten days after the making up of the issues in said cause, either party may proceed to take evidence. All depositions read in evidence shall be taken before a Past Chancellor of the Order in good standing, upon ten days' notice given to the adverse party of the time and place of taking same either by personal service upon or by registered letter addressed to said parties.

146. **All Writs Signed by Recorder.** All writs and processes issuing from the Grand Tribunal shall be under the seal thereof and signed by its Recorder, and shall be served and returned in such manner as the Tribunal may prescribe by its rules and regulations, or as shall be provided by law.

147. **Causes May Be Consolidated.** When causes of a like nature or relating to the same question, are pending before the Grand Tribunal, it may make such orders and rules concerning proceedings therein as will best avoid unnecessary costs or delay in the administration of justice, and by consent of the parties shall consolidate such causes when it appears proper so to do.

148. **Amendments Allowed for Cause.** For good cause shown the Grand Tribunal may allow amendments to the proceedings in causes pending before it, either in the pleadings or by the introduction of new parties, upon such conditions and under such restrictions as it may provide in the Rules of Procedure, or whenever it may be made to appear that the purposes of justice require it. It may also, upon good cause shown, permit parties to be made other than those already parties thereto, upon it being made to satisfactorily appear that they are substantially interested in the subject matter of the controversy.

149. **Default Taken If No Appearance.** No judgment shall be taken or decree entered by default within less than ten days after it shall have been docketed by the Grand Tribunal. After the cause shall have been docketed therein for twenty days, if the person or body complained of shall not have appeared and defended, the Grand Tribunal shall proceed as if the complaint or the facts alleged in the petition were admitted; provided, however, that upon good cause shown, the Grand Tribunal may extend the time for defense against the complaint; or after judgment or decree entered by default, upon good cause shown and upon terms fixed by it, may set aside such judgment or decree and reopen it for proof, and upon the hearing thereof render such judgment as to it may appear right.

TITLE III.

CHAPTER I.

CONVENTIONS AND BUSINESS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

150. **Conventions.** Each Subordinate Lodge within this Domain shall hold stated conventions at least twice each month at a place and on the day appointed, and the day and place shall not be changed without the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor, and previous notice to all the members. The

hour of convening shall be as prescribed by the by-laws of the Subordinate Lodge.

151. Suspension of Charter. If a Subordinate Lodge within this Domain shall neglect or refuse for the period of three months to hold regular conventions as provided by law, unless it shall have been authorized by dispensation duly granted therefor to suspend such conventions, its Charter may be suspended by the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Lodge. When such lodge or its charter is so suspended, its charter, books, jewels, funds and all of its other property and effects, real and personal, shall at once revert to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander, trustee, or other officer or officers, or members of such lodge, in custody thereof, to forthwith deliver to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal or the member of the order authorized by him to receive the same said Charter and all other property and effects of said lodge, and the same shall be kept by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, subject to the order of the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Lodge.

152. Special on Call of Chancellor Commander. Special conventions may be ordered by the lodge, or called by the Chancellor Commander on his own motion, or on the written request of five members. No business shall be transacted at a special convention except that stated in the call, due notice of which shall be given to every member.

153. Business Transacted in Knight's Rank. All lodge business shall be transacted when the lodge is open in the Knight Rank, except the actual conferring of the Page or the Esquire Rank, and except when conducting the trial of a Page or Esquire.

CHAPTER II.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICERS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

154. Elective Officers. The Elective Officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be a Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Work, Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, Master of Exchequer, Master-at-Arms, Inner Guard, Outer Guard, who shall be elected annually by separate ballots at the first regular meeting in the month of December, and three Trustees whose terms of office shall be three years; one Trustee

to be elected annually. Provided, that at the regular election of officers in December, 1903, there shall be elected one Trustee for a term of one year, one Trustee for a term of two years, and one Trustee for a term of three years, and thereafter one Trustee annually for a term of three years.

CHAPTER III.

REGULATING THE NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AND FOR FILLING VACANCIES.

155. All Shall Have an Opportunity to Be Heard—Absence Shall Not Prevent One Being Nominated. At the election of officers in Subordinate Lodges, the presiding officer shall not close the nominations until every member present has had an opportunity to be heard, nor shall a qualified member, duly nominated, be excluded from the list of nominees because he is not present.

156. Tellers and Duties. When an election is to be held for any office or officers in the lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint two or more members as tellers. The Knights entitled to vote shall then be counted, and their number noted. When the poll has been declared open, each qualified Knight shall deposit his ballot. After collecting and counting the ballots, should it appear that a greater number of votes were cast than there were legally qualified Knights voting, or should there be less than seven votes cast, then the Chancellor Commander shall declare the ballot illegal and void, and direct that another be taken immediately.

157. Candidate Receiving Lowest Vote Dropped. In case there are three or more candidates for the same office, neither of whom has received a majority of the votes polled on the first legal ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on in each succeeding ballot until an election is had, except in case of a tie vote occurring on the two candidates next to the highest, when it shall be confined to the three highest.

158. Votes to Be Sealed on Demand. The Tellers shall upon the demand of three members present and voting carefully place all the ballots cast on any vote in an envelope, seal and

endorse the same with the number of the vote, as first, second, etc., and the officer voted for. Said envelopes shall be carefully preserved by the Keeper of Records and Seal until the installation of the officers declared elected, and longer if necessary, to be used in any contest made. The recanvass of the vote shall be made by a committee of three appointed by the Chancellor Commander, and the contestants shall have the right to be present at such new canvass.

159. Inattention, Absence or Conduct Subjects Officer to Removal. Any officer may be removed, for inattention to the duties of his station or conduct unbecoming his standing in the Order. Absence of any Ritualistic officer for four consecutive conventions, shall create a vacancy, unless excused by the lodge.

160. Nomination and Election to Fill Vacancy. The nomination and election to fill any vacancy may be held at the same or any regular convention after a vacancy has been declared; provided, no vacancy shall be declared on the night of the fourth consecutive absence.

161. Officers Under Charges May Officiate. Every officer against whom charges are preferred shall have a fair and impartial trial, in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the Order, but he may officiate in his office, except on matters connected with the charges or trial, until the same have been settled.

162. A Chancellor Commander Re-Elected is Entitled to Honor of Past Chancellor. A Chancellor Commander serving his first term, who may be elected for another term, is entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor in the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER IV.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, THEIR CREDENTIALS, INSIGNIA, AND REPORT.

163. Representative's Credentials. In order to gain admittance to the Grand Lodge, each Representative and alternate must be furnished by his lodge with a certificate in the following

form, a duplicate of which must be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal immediately after his election:

Representative's Credentials.

Castle Hall of.....Lodge, No..
.....Iowa.

Knights of Pythias, Grand Domain of Iowa.

This is to Certify, That Past Chancellor.....
has been duly elected a Representative or alternate of this
Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Iowa, to serve for one year from
the second Wednesday in August, 190...

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto affixed our hands
and the Seal of our Lodge, this.....day of.....
A. D. 190...., P. P.....

[Seal.]C. C.

Attest.....K. of R. & S.

164. **Jewel.** Each Representative shall be required at all conventions of the Grand Lodge to wear a Representative Jewel, as prescribed by the Supreme Lodge, and all lodges are required to furnish such jewels to their Representatives.

165. **Representative Must Report.** A Grand Representative shall submit to his lodge a report in writing within one month after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

166. **Duties of Chancellor Commander.** The Chancellor Commander shall preside at all conventions of the lodge, appoint all officers pro tempore, enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the lodge, and those of the Supreme and Grand Lodges, sign all orders on the Master of Exchequer ordered by the vote of the lodge. He shall announce the result of all balloting or other voting of the lodge, appoint a majority of all committees (unless otherwise ordered by the lodge), and perform all duties pertaining to his office enjoined by the Ritual and laws of the Order. He shall determine when and how much work may be done before conferring the ranks at any convention of the lodge, unless otherwise ordered by the vote of the members present.

167. **Vice-Chancellor.** The Vice-Chancellor shall assist the Chancellor-Commander in preserving order in the Lodge; appoint a minority of all committees (unless otherwise ordered by the lodge); aid him in conducting the ritualistic ceremonies, work, and business of the lodge, and have charge of the inner door. He shall preside in the absence of the Chancellor Commander, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws of the Order.

168. **Keeper of Records and Seal.** The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the lodge, make out the semi-annual report of the work and business of the lodge for the Grand Lodge, and such other documents and notices as may be ordered by the lodge.

169. **Same.** He shall notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal immediately of any change in his office or postoffice address; give notice to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of all rejections of candidates, and the suspension and reinstatement of members; have charge of the correspondence, records, and seal of the lodge, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the Order. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the by-laws of the lodge may prescribe.

170. **Master of Finance.** The Master of Finance shall keep just and correct accounts between the lodge and its members, receive all moneys due the lodge, giving his receipt therefor; pay the same immediately to the Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt for the same; notify all members who are in arrears; furnish the Keeper of Records and Seal with a statement of the receipts previous to the close of each convention; make out and submit at the first convention in the next term a full and complete report of the transactions of his office, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the laws, rules, and regulations. He shall receive for his services such compensation as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

171. **Master of Exchequer.** The Master of Exchequer shall enter upon the duties of his office immediately after his installation; he shall receive the funds that should come into his hands by virtue of his office, and shall give receipt therefor by his proper signature and official title, and he and his sureties shall be responsible therefor.

172. **Same.** He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Chancellor Commander and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and such orders when properly endorsed by the respective payees, shall be his only valid vouchers for the disbursements of the funds of the lodge.

173. **Same.** He shall submit to the lodge at the first convention in the next term, a full report of the receipts and disbursements of his office without vouchers.

174. **Master at Arms.** The Master at Arms shall have charge of the working properties of the lodge, and be held responsible for their safe keeping, and perform such other duties as are required and enjoined by the laws of the Order.

175. **Trustees.** The Board of Trustees, neither of whom shall be the Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Master of Exchequer, or Master of Finance of the lodge, shall be charged with the general supervision and care of investments and other lodge property, negotiate and sign all leases, invest in such loans, stocks or other securities as the lodge may direct; call in, sell, and realize on loans, stocks and other investments whenever the lodge shall order the same to be done, collect all interest, dividends, rents and other money arising or accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the lodge, and immediately pay the money collected by them to the Master of Finance, and shall have the property of the lodge insured for not less than two-thirds of its value.

176. **Same.** They shall report when called upon by the lodge and make a full report in writing, together with an inventory of all the properties of the lodge, at the first convention in each year.

177. **Same.** They shall examine and audit all bills and claims, unless otherwise ordered by the lodge.

178. **Bonds.** Before anyone shall be installed into either of the offices of Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, or Master of Exchequer, or shall assume the duties of Trustee, he shall file with the lodge an approved bond in such sum as shall be fixed by law, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office to which he has been elected, and for the delivery to his successor at the end of his official term, or upon his removal from office, of all the property and funds of the lodge

of which he may become possessed by virtue of his incumbency of said office, which may or should be in his possession at the time the office is vacated.

179. **Auditing Committee.** On the night of the election of officers there shall be appointed a committee of three Knights for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Master of Exchequer, Master of Finance, and Keeper of Records and Seal. Said committee shall report in writing at the first stated convention in January and July in each year.

180. **Same.** The Auditing Committee shall also audit the books and accounts of the Trustees, and report to the lodge in writing within thirty days after the close of the last term in each year.

CHAPTER VI.

ATTAINMENT OF THE RANKS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

181. **Committee on Application.** An Investigating Committee to pass upon applications for membership shall be appointed as provided by Supreme Law.

182. **Received and Referred to Committee.** Such application may be received at any stated convention of the lodge, and shall be referred to an Investigating Committee of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, neither of whom shall have recommended the applicant. All other lodges in the county of this Domain in which the lodge to which application is made is situated, shall at once be notified that the application has been received, giving name, age, occupation and place of residence of the applicant and names of Committee of Investigation.

183. **Must Report at Second Convention.** At the second stated convention after said committee has been appointed the application shall again be read, and, unless by a majority vote of the lodge further time be granted, the committee having investigated as to character and qualifications of the applicant, shall report at the convention.

184. **Failure to Attend for Six Conventions Forfeits Fees.** Every applicant elected to membership failing to present himself for initiation within six stated conventions of the lodge, after

being notified of his election (unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable occurrence), shall forfeit the amount paid by him to the lodge.

CHAPTER VII.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

185. **Dues Must Be Paid.** Every member of the Order shall pay dues to his lodge, and different rates of dues may be required from members of the different Ranks of Knighthood; provided, that in no case shall the dues charged to members be less than two dollars per year.

CHAPTER VIII.

AFFILIATION BY CARDS—FEES FOR.

186. **Fees.** The minimum fee for affiliation by the deposit of a transfer card shall be one dollar.

187. **Same.** The fee for affiliation by the deposit of a withdrawal card, Grand Lodge card, Supreme Lodge card, or Transfer card, shall be one dollar unless otherwise prescribed in the by-laws, but in no case shall it exceed the amount of the fee which the lodge prescribes for the Ranks of Knighthood.

188. **Fees for Withdrawal Cards and Transfer Cards.** The fee for a withdrawal or Transfer card shall be not less than one dollar and must accompany the application therefor.

189. **Fee for Grand Lodge Card.** The fee for a Grand Lodge card shall be one dollar and must accompany the application.

190. **Duplicates.** Should it become necessary to issue a duplicate withdrawal, Grand Lodge, or transfer card, the fee therefor shall not be less than one dollar.

CHAPTER IX.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

191. **Relief Committee Must Be Appointed.** Immediately upon his installation, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a Relief Committee of three, who shall hold their positions during the term in which they are appointed.

192. **Duties to Be Prescribed in the By-Laws.** The Relief Committee shall perform such duties as may be prescribed in the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge.

CHAPTER X.

BENEFITS AFTER ACQUITTAL.

193. **Member Under Charges When Acquitted Is Entitled to Benefits as of Date of Charges.** When, after due trial, a member has been acquitted, all rights to benefits, possessed by him, are revived as of the time charges were preferred, if otherwise entitled thereto.

CHAPTER XI.

VOTING IN A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

194. **Majority of Votes Decides all Questions Except Appropriations.** A majority of all the valid votes cast shall decide all elections or motions not otherwise provided for, but questions that involve an appropriation or expenditure of money shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

195. **Each Member Shall Vote.** Each member present shall vote upon all questions and at all elections of members and officers unless excused by the lodge.

CHAPTER XII.

WARRANTS AND CHARTERS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGE.

196. **Issued Upon Approval of Grand Chancellor.** Charters shall be issued to Subordinate Lodges when the applicants have complied with the provisions of the Supreme Constitution and Statutes relative to warrants, charters and applications therefor, but no such charter shall be issued except upon the approval and recommendations of the Grand Chancellor.

197. **When to Apply.** No charter shall be issued to a Subordinate Lodge acting under a warrant unless said lodge shall make application therefor at the next or second Grand Lodge convention held after said warrant has been issued; but upon

recommendation of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Lodge may extend the time for making such application.

198. Last Officer of Suspended or Dissolved Lodge to Deliver Property. When a lodge is suspended or dissolved, or its warrant or charter arrested, it shall be the duty of the last Chancellor Commander or of its senior officer, to deliver to the Grand Chancellor, or his deputy, the warrant or charter, its books, jewels, funds, emblems, regalia, and all other property and effects.

199. How Suspended. Before the Warrant or Charter of a Subordinate Lodge is suspended, except in cases otherwise provided for, the lodge shall be entitled to a trial on the cause or causes alleged for such suspension, and the trial shall be before the Grand Tribunal, and the pleadings and procedure of trial shall be such as are adopted by the Grand Tribunal. The Grand Tribunal shall, after due hearing of the cause, return a verdict, award the penalty, if any, and make the necessary order or orders in the cause. In all such cases the verdict, penalty, or orders of the Grand Tribunal shall be certified to the Grand Chancellor and parties in interest, and in case the said verdict, penalty or orders shall require the punishment of a lodge or the suspension of its warrant or charter, the Grand Chancellor shall immediately enforce the requirements of the orders and decree. No such warrant or charter shall be revoked except by a formal vote of the Grand Lodge.

200. When Property Reverts to Grand Lodge. When a lodge is suspended, or its warrant or charter arrested, the warrant or charter, its books, jewels, funds and all other property and effects at once revert to the Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander, the Trustee, or other officer or officers of such lodge in custody thereof to deliver to the Grand Chancellor, or his deputy, the warrant or charter of said lodge, and said other property and effects, together with all papers and writings relative to or affecting the title thereof; and when such or any member thereof shall fail upon demand of the Grand Chancellor to deliver to or make restitution of any property or funds in its or their possession, the Grand Chancellor may refuse to grant and may revoke any Grand Lodge card or cards issued to such members, and such lodge or a member

thereof aggrieved by the action of the Grand Chancellor shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Tribunal.

201. Property Restored When Reinstated. All funds, property or effects received by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chancellor from a dissolved or suspended lodge shall be restored thereto in the event of its being reinstated within two years.

202. If Not Reinstated in Two Years, Title Becomes Absolute in Grand Lodge. In case a lodge shall not be reinstated within two years after its dissolution or suspension, all property and effects so received from such lodge shall become the absolute property of the Grand Lodge; provided, that any legitimate claims there may have been against said lodge at the time of dissolution or suspension, for borrowed money, paraphernalia, or rent of Castle Hall, or on account of any necessary running expense, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge out of the money or property received from said lodge, if sufficient money or property shall have been so received. And if the Grand Lodge shall not have so received sufficient money or property, then all the money or property so received by the Grand Lodge from said lodge, shall be applied to the payment of said claims against said lodge, pro rata.

CHAPTER XIII.

FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

203. Shall Not Be Less Than Fifteen Dollars. The fees for Ranks of Knighthood shall not be less than fifteen dollars, and as fixed by the by-laws of each Subordinate Lodge, and as provided in section six (6) of article nine (9) of the Grand Constitution; but a member in good standing in this Domain may become a charter member of a new lodge by taking a withdrawal card and paying a fee of not more than one dollar.

204. Fees Must Be Paid in Advance. Fees for each Rank, for affiliation by card, and for reinstatement, must be paid in advance.

CHAPTER XIV.

DISPOSAL OF FUNDS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE.

205. Special Fund. Subordinate Lodges may by by-laws establish a fund, separate from the General Fund, to be known and designated as a Special Fund.

206. **To Be Used for Entertainment.** Such Special Fund may be used for the purpose of providing entertainments or any other purpose that would reflect credit upon the Order.

207. **Shall Consist of Donations and Proceeds of Fines and Assessments.** Such fund shall consist of such donations as may be made to it, and the profits of any entertainment given thereby, and of money derived from fines and assessments.

208. **When Discontinued Funds Carried to General Fund.** Any lodge may discontinue such Special Fund or transfer the whole or any part thereof to the General Fund. In the event of such discontinuation the proceeds of fines and assessments shall be carried to the General Fund.

CHAPTER XV.

RULES OF ORDER FOR SUBORDINATE LODGE.

209. **Guide.** "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the guide for Subordinate Lodges in all cases not hereinafter provided.

210. **Members to Invest With Jewels.** When the Chancellor Commander takes the chair, the officers and members shall be invested with proper jewels and take their seats.

211. **Order and Exceptions.** The business shall be proceeded with as prescribed in the "Order of Business," except in case of official visitations from the Supreme or Grand Lodge Officers, when all business except when a Rank is being conferred, shall immediately be laid aside, until the object of the visit is accomplished.

212. **Punishment for Misbehavior.** Any member who shall misbehave in the convention of the lodge, disturb the order or harmony thereof by abusive, disorderly, or profane language, or refuse obedience to the rules or enter a lodge convention in an intoxicated condition, shall be admonished for his offense, and if he offend again, shall be excluded from the room for the evening, and afterward dealt with as the laws prescribe.

213. **Duties of Chancellor Commander—Appeals.** The Chancellor Commander shall preserve order and announce the decisions of the lodge on all subjects; he shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the lodge,

by any member, when the question before the lodge shall be, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the lodge?"

214. Form of Motion. Before putting the question the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the lodge ready for the question?" If no member rises to speak, and a majority of the lodge is ready for the question, he shall rise and put it; and after he shall have put it, members shall not be permitted to speak.

215. If Two or More Rise. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

216. Member Must Confine Himself to Question. Each member speaking shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities.

217. Interruption Not Permitted. A member shall not be interrupted while speaking, except by a call to order.

218. If called to Order Must Be Seated. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may then proceed.

219. Must Not Speak More Than Once. A member shall not speak more than once on the same question until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission of the presiding officer; and every member speaking shall designate the officer or member spoken of by his proper Rank or title.

220. Precedence of Motions. When a question is before the lodge, no motion shall be in order, except it be to proceed to close the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to recommit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein arranged. The first three shall be decided without debate.

221. Previous Question. On the call of two members a majority of the lodge may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form: "Shall the main question be

put?" And until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

222. Chairman. The person first named on a committee shall act as Chairman, unless another is chosen by the members of the committee.

223. Member May Be Excused. Any member may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member of two other committees. A member when appointed on a committee during his absence from the lodge, cannot claim excuse, if properly notified by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

224. Chairman Must Notify. The Chairman of a committee shall notify the members thereof to meet at such time and place as he may designate.

225. Filling of Blanks. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken upon the highest sum or number and the longest and latest time proposed.

CHAPTER XVI.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

226. Semi-Annual Report Must Be Made at Close of Term. At the close of every semi-annual term, each Subordinate Lodge shall make a full report on the blank furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, properly filled out, duly attested with the signature of the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal and bearing the Seal of the Lodge.

227. Sent to Grand Keeper of Records and Seal With Amount Due Grand Lodge. The semi-annual reports shall be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal promptly, accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge in postoffice money order or bank draft.

228. Failure to Have Report in His Hands Ten Days Previous to Convention Forfeits Seat. If any lodge fails to send its semi-annual report and per capita tax, so that the same may be in the hands of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal ten days previous to the convention then ensuing, its representative shall not be seated in the Grand Lodge.

229. **Report Must Be Completed Before Installation.** The reports of the lodge must be filled out and properly attested, and the order drawn for the per capita tax, before the ceremony of the installation of officers.

CHAPTER XVII.

BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF.

230. **May Be Adopted.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall have the right to make and adopt a code of By-Laws, in conformity with the Supreme and Grand Laws, for its government, which can be made, altered, amended, or added to, by submitting the propositions to the lodge in writing, signed by two members of the Knight Rank and having the same read at three regular conventions previous to being acted upon, when two-thirds of the valid votes cast concurring, they shall be adopted.

231. **Amendment.** When an amendment to the By-Laws is upon its passage at the time provided, it is competent to change, alter, amend, or add to the original proposed amendment.

232. **First and Second Reading.** The first reading shall be on the night of presentation, and the vote, as specified, may be had at the second regular convention thereafter.

233. **By-Laws Not Operative Until Approved.** Before any By-Laws or amendments thereto can become operative they shall be executed by the Subordinate Lodges and two copies sent to the Grand Chancellor and receive his approval. After such approval the Grand Chancellor shall return one copy to the lodge and the other copy shall be sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for preservation.

CHAPTER XVIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

234. **Order of Business.** The following shall be the "Order of Business" in a Subordinate Lodge, and may be transposed by the Chancellor Commander or by vote of the lodge, after passing Order No. 6.

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Roll of officers called and absentees noted.

3. Reception of visiting Knights.
4. Reading the minutes of last regular or special convention.
5. Reading official communications.
6. Report of Relief Committee.
7. Does any brother know of a Knight, or the family of a Knight, in distress?
8. Presentation and reference of bills and communications.
9. Reading and referring of petitions for membership.
10. Second reading of petitions, report of investigating committees thereon, and balloting.
11. Applications for membership in Endowment and Uniform Ranks.
12. Application for Rank.
13. Conferring of Ranks.
14. Reports of committees.
15. Reports of officers.
16. Unfinished business.
17. New business.
18. Good of the Order.
19. Collection of dues.
20. Announcement of receipts in detail by Master of Finance..
21. Announcement of disbursements in detail by the Keeper of Records and Seal.
22. The counting of rituals by the Master at Arms and his report to the Chancellor Commander.
23. Closing in due form.

TITLE IV.

OFFENSES.

CHAPTER I:

OFFENSES AGAINST THE ORDER AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES WHICH MAY BE INFLICTED THEREFOR.

235. **Offenses.** Any member who shall neglect or refuse to obey the laws, enacted by this Grand Lodge, or the legal mandates of any legal officers thereof, or who shall defraud such Grand Lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize such

Grand Lodge, or any member thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, such member shall be punished by reprimand or suspension, either definitely or indefinitely, or expulsion from the Order.

236. Violation of Any Obligation, Etc. Every member violating any of the obligations, established principles, laws, rules, or regulations of the Order; disregarding the requirements of the Constitution or By-Laws; disclosing the secret transactions of the lodge; divulging the name of a member who has reported unfavorably on an applicant or opposed his becoming a member; feigning himself sick or disabled; practicing, aiding, or in any other misrepresentation, false pretenses or fraud; guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral, or criminal conduct of any kind, upon conviction of any such offenses, shall be punished by reprimand, suspension, definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

237. Neglect to File Reports. If any lodge refuses, or fails and neglects for more than thirty days after having been notified or requested by the proper officers or persons, to furnish any report required by the laws of the Order, or if any such lodge fails or refuses for more than thirty days to make report to the Grand Tribunal showing the performance of any judgment, order or decree directed to it, it shall be deemed guilty of contempt and may be dealt with as provided in the preceding section.

238. Electioneering Forbidden. Any candidate for any office within the gift of the Grand Lodge, who shall by letter, other writing, circular or printed matter, directly or indirectly, solicit votes or support for such office, or who shall by such means promote such candidacy, or cause any other person to do so, shall be ineligible to any office within the gift of the Grand Lodge at the next ensuing meeting; provided, however, that nothing herein shall restrict or hinder any Subordinate Lodge from announcing the candidacy of one of its members for a Grand Lodge office, within sixty days prior to the next Grand Lodge meeting to other Subordinate Lodges; such announcement shall be limited to a statement of the name of the candidate, the name and number of his lodge, the date of attaining the Grand Lodge and Knight's Rank without any further statement and no officer, Representative or member of a committee of the Grand Lodge shall wear the badge, emblem, or distinctive

insignia of any candidate for Supreme Representative or a Grand Lodge office.

Trial for said practices shall be before the open Grand Lodge upon charges preferred by its Grievance Committee.

239. Grand Chancellor Shall Prefer Charges. Should the Grand Chancellor become cognizant of any violation or infraction direct or indirect, of the provisions of any statute, or any of them, he shall formulate, or cause to be formulated the necessary complaint or charges against such offender or offenders, and the trial on such charges shall be in the manner prescribed by Supreme Law. If the offender be a Subordinate Lodge the charges shall be referred to the Grand Tribunal and such Subordinate Lodge shall be subject to notice, summons and trial, as may be provided for other violations of the Grand Law by Subordinate Lodges, and if adjudged guilty it shall be subject to the penalty provided in this statute.

Paragraph 1. If the offender or offenders be officers or individual members of the Order, affiliated or non-affiliated, the Grand Chancellor shall file the complaint or charges in the Subordinate Lodge with which they are connected, and shall order the trial of the offender or offenders in the manner provided for other violations of the Supreme and Grand Law, and in case of conviction, the accused shall be subject to the penalties provided in this statute.

Par. 2. In case a Subordinate Lodge shall refuse to hear and try the charges so preferred by the Grand Chancellor, he shall at once suspend the Warrant or Charter of such Subordinate Lodge.

Par. 3. If the Subordinate Lodge shall, after trial, fail or refuse to convict a member against whom such complaint and charges have been filed, any member thereof or the Grand Chancellor may, in his discretion, appeal to the Grand Tribunal. If upon final hearing the offender or offenders be convicted of the offense charged, and the Subordinate Lodge shall still refuse to inflict the penalty prescribed by this statute and ordered to be imposed by the tribunal of final hearing in the case, the Grand Chancellor of this Domain shall at once suspend the warrant or charter of such Subordinate Lodge; provided, that should a majority of the members of such Sub-

ordinate Lodge, prior to the next convention of this Grand Lodge, petition the Grand Chancellor for permission to rescind the action upon which suspension was based, he may authorize such Subordinate Lodge to take the action proposed in the petition, and upon compliance by such Subordinate Lodge with the orders or judgment made in the case he shall revoke his order suspending the warrant or charter of the lodge.

Par. 4. When the Warrant or Charter of a lodge is suspended under Paragraphs 2 or 3 of this Section, the Grand Chancellor shall at once prefer charges in the Grand Lodge against such Subordinate Lodge, setting forth merely the offense with which it is charged and for the alleged commission of which the suspension was ordered, specifying the time, place, and other material circumstances, and file said charges in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. A copy of said charges shall be sent by the said Grand Keeper of Records and Seal by registered mail to the Chancellor Commander of such lodge together with a summons requiring the lodge to appear before said Grand Lodge at a named time and place to answer the same. If, upon hearing the evidence produced by the parties respectively, the Grand Lodge shall find the Subordinate Lodge guilty of the offense charged the penalty shall be revocation of its Warrant or Charter or the further suspension thereof for such time as the Grand Lodge may determine. If the said charges be not sustained, the order of suspension theretofore made by the Grand Chancellor shall stand revoked.

TITLE V.

TRIALS.

- I. TRIAL OF CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.
- II. TRIAL OF OTHER OFFICERS.

CHAPTER I.

TRIAL OF A CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

240. **Grand Tribunal Shall Have Jurisdiction.** A Chancellor Commander of a lodge while the incumbent of the office for official misconduct and offenses against the laws of the Order shall be tried before the Grand Tribunal, jurisdiction for the purpose being hereby conferred on said body.

241. **Charges May Be Preferred by Two or More.** For any such offense committed by a Chancellor Commander, charges may be preferred by two or more members of the Order in good standing in the lodge to which he belongs. The charges shall specify the offense charged, and in what it consists, with clearness and precision, and with reasonable detail as to time, place and circumstances; shall be made under the pledge of honor of the accusers and shall be filed with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal.

242. **Procedure Same as Title II, Chapter III** After the charges are filed the case shall proceed, and the same shall be tried and conducted in the same manner, and with all the rights of the parties, as provided in Title II, Chapter III of these Statutes, relating to the original and exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Tribunal and regulating procedure therein.

243. **Recorder Shall Present to Lodge the Findings.** The Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall, upon determination of such trial, forward to the lodge whence the charges originated, a certified copy of the order and findings of the Grand Tribunal, which shall be read in open lodge and spread upon the records, and shall be binding upon all parties.

CHAPTER II.

TRIAL OF SUBORDINATE LODGE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, OTHER THAN CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

244. **Subordinate Lodge Shall Try.** Every officer and member of a Subordinate Lodge other than the Chancellor Commander, shall, for offenses against such lodge, its officers and members, and for violation of the laws of the Grand or Subordinate Lodge be tried in his own lodge and not elsewhere, except on appeal, as provided in these Statutes.

245. **Prosecution May Be Commenced Openly or Privately.** Prosecutions may be commenced against such officer or member in two ways, openly or privately:

(a) A brother accused of the violation of any Pythian law or principle may be prosecuted openly, in which case the accusing brother shall prepare, and after due notice to the accused of the time of presentation, present a written duplicate of

the charges and specifications in substantial compliance with "Form A," as follows:

(Form A).

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To.....Lodge No.....K. of P.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of.....
Lodge, No....., does hereby charge Brother A. B., of
.....Lodge No....., with violation of the
laws and principles of the Order, the grounds of such charge
being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to
wit:

1. For that he, the said A. B., did on the.....day of
.....190....., at.....(specify the of-
fense and circumstances, and continue with further specifica-
tions; each separate violation of law to be a specification), con-
trary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Dated.....

(Signed)

B. B.

Signing the same as "Prosecutor," which shall be entered
of record by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and one copy, duly
certified under seal of the lodge, shall be sent to the accused or
his counsel, due notice having been given the accused.

(b) Prosecutions may be instituted privately by giving
written notice of the offense, with a list of witnesses, to the
Chancellor Commander. The Chancellor Commander shall forth-
with privately refer a copy of such notice and list of witnesses,
concealing the name of the informant, to an investigating com-
mittee of three, who shall proceed without delay to determine
whether there is just ground for presenting the charges. The
committee shall report in writing, and, in case the same is in
favor of the accused, the report shall be substantially as in-
dicated by "Form B," as follows:

(Form B).

To the Chancellor Commander of.....Lodge, No.....
K. of P.:

Your committee would respectfully report that it has fully
investigated the complaint against Brother.....,

and is of the opinion that justice does not require the preferring of charges.

Date.....

.....
Chairman of Investigating Committee.

Such report in the discretion of the Chancellor Commander, or at the request of the accused, may be spread upon the minutes of the lodge. If the committee be of the opinion that the charges shall be preferred, it shall report substantially as indicated by "Form C," as follows:

(Form C).

To.....Lodge, No.....K. of P.:

Your committee would respectfully report that, after due investigation, it is of the opinion that charges should be preferred against Brother....., and accordingly the following charges and specifications are herewith submitted:

Your committee does hereby charge Brother A. B., of.....Lodge, No....., with violation of the law and principles of the Order; the grounds of such charge being fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit:

1. For that he, the said A. B., did on the.....day of190..., at.....(specify the offense and circumstances, and continue with further specifications; each separate violation of law to be a specification), contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date.....

.....
Chairman of Investigating Committee.

Such report, together with charges and specifications, signed by the Chairman, shall be presented at an early regular convention of the lodge, after due notice to the accused, and the charges and specifications shall be entered or recorded by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

246. **Due notice.** One week's notice in writing shall be deemed "due notice" under this code, and all such notices

should be endorsed, showing the manner of service. Such notice may be served in either of two ways:

Paragraph 1. If the accused can be found within the county in which the lodge is situated, service must be made by delivering to him a true copy of the notice.

Par. 2. If the accused cannot be found within the county, then service may be made by mailing a copy thereof by registered letter addressed to his last known postoffice address.

247. **Notices Must Be Endorsed.** The endorsement on notices shall be substantially in one of the two ways indicated in "Form D," as follows:

(Form D).

I hereby certify, on my Knightly honor, that I served a true copy of the within notice upon Brother.....on the.....day of....., by giving the same to him personally.

(Signed)

Or,

I hereby certify, on my Knightly honor, that I served the within notice upon Brother.....on the.....day of.....by mailing a copy to him, postage paid, by registered letter, addressed to his last known post-office addresss, as follows:, the said brother not being found in the city of.....

(Signed)

248. **Prosecutor.** The Chairman of the Investigating Committee, or the Knight preferring charges openly, shall be known as Prosecutor.

249. **Service Upon Accused.** The Keeper of Records and Seal shall affix the seal of the lodge to a copy of the charges and specifications, and certify to it substantially according to the following "Form E," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused.

(Form E).

NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Date).....190....

Brother..... I herewith enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by.....

.....of.....Lodge. The same was referred to a committee consisting of.....(Give names). You are hereby required to file your answer to said charges and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within one week from the service of this notice, with the undersigned, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

Fraternally,

(Seal).

.....
Keeper of Records and Seal.

250. Time to Answer. The accused shall, within one week from the service of notice and copy of the charges and specifications upon him, file his plea or answer to the same with the Keeper of Records and Seal, according to the following "Form F," and such answer or plea may be by either one or more answers shown therein:

(Form F).

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred on the.....day of.....190., say:

1. That the offense in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the lodge.
 2. That I am not guilty.
 3. Guilty.
 4. I admit the facts stated, but will justify the alleged offense.
 5. The complaint is frivolous.
- Or any other proper plea.
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251. Trial. The lodge at the next convention after answer, or at such other time as may be fixed, shall proceed with the trial or investigation of the case, and after a full hearing of all the testimony, shall proceed to vote on the charge or charges preferred. If such charge or charges be sustained in whole or in part by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the accused member shall retire to the ante-room. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall then read to the lodge the charge or charges, or part or parts thereof which have been sustained, when the Chancellor Commander shall, without motion, proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment (expulsion), and if lost, he shall proceed until some order of punishment known to the laws is agreed upon by a vote of two-thirds of the mem-

bers present. A lodge having found a member guilty, must fix some order of punishment recognized by the laws of the Order; and to this end, and if the vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment without the requisite votes in favor of either, the Chancellor Commander shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and if need be go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be affixed; provided, that where more than one member is under charge for the same offense, they shall not be permitted to vote upon the said charges or the degree of punishment to be inflicted upon the other of the said members.

252. Time Fixed. If the lodge determine upon suspension, a motion may be made to fix the time, and two amendments may be offered thereto, which shall be decided without debate. The Chancellor Commander, upon receiving said motion, shall put same to vote, commencing with the longest period of time therein named; if neither be agreed to, a second motion may be made, and two amendments thereto, which shall be put to vote in like manner, and the lodge shall so proceed until some order of time for suspension is fixed.

253. Fine—Amount Determined. If the lodge shall decide to punish by fine, the same course shall be adopted in determining the amount thereof as above provided in fixing the time of suspension, and in either case of determining the amount of fine or fixing the time of suspension, a majority of the members shall decide.

254. Decision—How Communicated. When the lodge has determined upon the order of punishment, and in case of suspension or fine fixed the time or amount thereof, the accused shall be called in and the decision communicated to him by the Chancellor Commander.

255. Suspension for Contempt. If the accused shall evade the service of a citation, or after receiving the same shall neglect or refuse to attend the lodge at the time therein fixed and remain throughout the investigation or trial of his case, or is not represented by a member of the Order as his attorney, the lodge may proceed in his absence to suspend him for contempt; provided, that if such absence should have been produced by unavoidable circumstances, or injustice be otherwise

done thereby, said member shall be entitled to a rehearing of his case; and shall at all stages of the proceedings have every opportunity afforded him of vindicating himself against said accusation.

256. Reprimand—How Administered. Whenever the lodge shall decide upon a reprimand, such reprimand shall be administered in open lodge by the Chancellor Commander, or some Past Chancellor appointed by him for that purpose.

257. Charge Voted Upon. Every specification of a charge legally brought before a lodge must be inquired into by testimony adduced on the hearing of the case; and every such specification that in itself imports a direct offense against the rules and laws of the Order must be voted upon and sustained or dismissed by the lodge. When charges or parts of charges are sustained, or a plea of guilty entered, the lodge must fix an order of punishment to every such finding or plea.

258. Penalty—How Imposed on Plea of Guilty. If a member acknowledges his guilt upon charges preferred, the penalty may be imposed without trial. The lodge shall hear testimony upon a plea of guilty, as well to determine the extent of the offense, as to ascertain the mitigating circumstances.

259. Votes—How Taken. All votes taken under the provision of this Chapter shall be with ball ballots.

260. Suspension—How Terminated. A lodge may, upon the discovery of new evidence, mitigating circumstances, or in any case of excessive punishment, when a member is suspended for a definite period, terminate the same; provided two-thirds of the members present shall vote in favor of such termination, after one week's previous notice thereof having been given the lodge.

261. Restoration of Rights. A member whose suspension shall be so terminated shall be restored to all his rights and privileges as a member, without other action, but shall not be entitled to any claims originating during his suspension.

262. No Dismissal After Charges Are Reported. A cause cannot be dismissed after a committee, appointed to investigate a complaint against a member, has reported a charge, and the Keeper of Records and Seal ordered to notify the offending member to appear for trial.

263. No Person Not a Member Shall Be Present at the Trial. No person not a member of the Order, except as hereinafter provided, shall be present during the trial; provided, that either party may call witnesses who are not members of the Order, and who shall be sworn before the officers authorized by law to administer oaths, and may be represented by counsel who are members of other lodges of the Order.

264. Records of Trial. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep a full and complete record of all the proceedings and of all the evidence introduced at the trial, including the oral testimony, if any, introduced by either party.

265. Amendments. Charges and specifications, answers and all other pleadings and papers in the case may be amended at any time before the close of the trial.

266. Adjournment. After commencement of proceedings and before any evidence is introduced, by a majority vote, the trial may be adjourned from time to time, and witnesses previously summoned shall be required to appear at the adjourned convention without further citation under the same penalties as in the first instance.

267. Record. The records of the lodge shall show:

1. The date and place of each convention and the parties present or means taken to notify them to be present.
2. Exceptions taken by either party and the decision thereon.
3. Parol evidence in full subscribed by the witnesses, unless signature be waived by the parties.
4. All documentary evidence marked exhibits.

268. Record of Judgment—Other Proceedings. The decisions only of the lodge shall be entered in the lodge minutes by the Keeper of Records and Seal. The other proceedings shall be entered in a record kept therefor. Any member of the Order shall be entitled to make a copy of any and all records or proceedings of any trial at their own expense.

269. Chancellor Commander Shall Announce Judgment. The Chancellor Commander or presiding officer shall announce the judgment of the lodge. It shall then be the duty of the lodge

and its officers to enforce, and of the member to obey, submit to, and observe the same. It shall be the duty of the accused to be present and to submit to and obey the judgment of the lodge as declared, until the same is reversed or modified by the proper authorities; provided, if the accused shall be found guilty, and the punishment fixed be reprimand, the lodge shall, upon the request of the accused, grant ten days in which to perfect an appeal, which in that case, when perfected, shall act as a supersedeas.

270. Service on Counsel. At all trials herein provided for, service of any of the notices upon counsel shall be equivalent to service of notice upon the party.

271. Charges—How Preferred. Any member of a lodge desiring to prefer a charge against a member of another lodge, must present the same through his own lodge to the lodge of which the accused is a member. The charge shall be attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under seal of the lodge in which presented and shall be sent or delivered to the lodge of which the accused is a member.

272. Lodge Must Proceed Without Delay. It shall be the duty of the lodge of which such accused is a member to proceed without delay, and conduct the case substantially as in this Code provided; and the member preferring the charge, or the lodge in which the charge was originally presented, shall have the privilege of being represented at the trial by counsel.

273. Appeal. A prosecutor, the accused or any other member may appeal from the decision of the lodge to the Grand Tribunal within thirty days from the date the same is announced by the Chancellor Commander. The lodge shall transmit to the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal a copy of the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs of mailing and charges for copying the same, which shall not exceed fifteen cents per folio of one hundred words, from the party appealing; provided, in case of inability of party appealing to furnish required copy of proceedings, upon satisfactory showing the Grand Tribunal may order original record or transcript of same.

274. Complete Record. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge, in making up the record for appeal, shall make

copies of all charges, pleas, notices, evidence, and etc., and substantially observe the following "Form G":

(Form G).

I,, Keeper of Records and Seal, ofLodge, do hereby certify that the following is a true and complete copy of all reports, minutes, reports of committees, evidence and papers filed with me, pertaining to or relating to the case of.....Lodge versus Brother....., or Brother.....,Prosecutor, versus Brother....., accused (as the case may be).

(Then copy the report of each committee, the action of Chancellor Commander, and Vice-Chancellor, and the full report of the trial with all proceedings, and conclude the record as follows):

In testimony that the foregoing is a complete record of all matters pertaining to the case of....., versus, I hereunto set my hand and attach the seal of said lodge, this.....day of....., at.....

(Seal)

.....
Keeper of Records and Seal.

275. Evidence. The evidence competent to be admitted before the lodge shall be:

1. Parol evidence.
2. Depositions.
3. Regularly certified minutes of lodge.

4. Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence shall not be received. Nor shall ex parte statements or affidavits be considered.

276. Lodge to Determine the Admissibility. The lodge will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be noted by the lodge upon its record.

277. Members Shall Testify Under Their Obligation. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligation as Knights,

to be administered by the Prelate, and according to the following "Form H":

(Form H).

DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare, upon your honor as a Knight, that the evidence you shall give in the matter.....against, now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This you declare on your honor as a Knight.

.....
(Signature).

278. Stenographer. In taking oral testimony a stenographer may be employed by the parties, by agreement, or by either party, who may be sworn by an officer competent to administer oaths, or obligated upon honor by the Prelate of the lodge, as the case may be, to truly take and transcribe the same, in all cases; provided, that in cases pertaining to, or involving the Ritualistic or secret work of the Order only a stenographer who is a member of the Order shall be employed.

279. Depositions. Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the lodge.

280. Conviction in Higher Tribunal Conclusive Evidence. In all trials the record, or certified copy thereof, of a conviction had in the Supreme or Grand Tribunal, or Grand Lodge, shall when the offense charged was also an offense against the Subordinate Lodge, be competent evidence and shall be conclusive of the guilt of the accused. And the record, or certified copy thereof, of conviction of the same offense in any court of the land, shall be competent but not conclusive evidence.

281. Depositions—How Taken. Whenever a lodge, or a member thereof, prosecuting or defending a charge, or any person authorized to introduce testimony of a witness, whose personal presence cannot be had before the tribunal trying the charge, his deposition may be taken in the following manner:

Paragraph 1. The party desiring to take the deposition shall file with the Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, the interroga-

tories he wishes to propound to the witnesses naming them. The Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge shall immediately deliver or cause to be delivered, to the opposite party, a copy of the interrogatories; the latter party, within one week from such service, may file counter interrogatories with the said Keeper of Records and Seal.

Par. 2. At the expiration of the week or sooner, if counter-interrogatories have been filed, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith forward them to the Chancellor Commander of a lodge near the witness, with a request to take the deposition of the witness or witnesses named, or to have the same taken by some competent member of the Order. If the witness is not a member of the Order, then said deposition shall be taken before some one competent to administer an oath, requiring that every interrogatory be propounded to the witness, and the answer to each be reduced to writing in the presence of the witness, and when the deposition is completed, cause the witness to sign the same. The officer or member taking the deposition shall also be required to certify to the same having been duly taken, verifying such certificate by the signatures of the Chancellor Commander or Keeper of Records and Seal and seal of the lodge. A deposition thus taken and certified may be read in evidence in the cause to which it relates.

Par. 3. It is the duty of the Chancellor Commander of any lodge in this Domain to whom such request to take a deposition may come, to perform the labor promptly, and return same at once to the lodge making the request.

282. **Citation.** A citation to appear as a witness, stating the time and place of trial, when issued by either the prosecutor, accused, or their attorneys, and signed by the Keeper of Records and Seal, shall be binding upon any member in this Domain after due service upon him; and failure to appear at the time and place specified shall subject the member so cited to proceedings for contempt; provided he has been paid or tendered a sum sufficient to pay his actual expenses; unless excused by the vote of a majority of the lodge. Such citation shall be considered as legally served when directed to the last known address of the member cited, and mailed, postage prepaid, by registered letter, at least twenty-four hours

before the time set for trial; provided, that citations addressed to members residing outside of the limits of the town or city where the trial is held, must be so mailed at least forty-eight hours previous to the time set for trial.

283. Member Refusing to Give Evidence Shall be Reported to His Lodge. Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the lodge to give such evidence, and if he still refuses to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his lodge, which lodge shall take action as it may deem necessary to compel the production of the evidence required.

TITLE VI.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

284. May Be Organized in All Cities Having two or more Lodges. At the election of officers in December, annually, in all cities and towns where there are two or more lodges, each lodge may select one member to serve as a General Relief Committee of the Knights of Pythias. The members of such committee shall organize with a chairman, secretary and treasurer, and shall have full power to adopt rules of order and by-laws for the purpose of facilitating its operations.

285. Duties. It shall be the duty of this committee to extend such relief as may be deemed expedient to transient brothers who may make application, or to brothers who may be sent to it from a lodge that is represented on the committee.

286. Applicants Required to Show They Are Entitled to Relief. All applicants shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the committee that they are entitled to care and relief. The secretary shall notify the lodge of which the brother is a member, of the amount of relief granted.

287. May Request Assessment Upon Lodges. For the purpose of supplying the necessary funds for carrying into operation the objects and duties of this committee, it may from time to time request a pro rata assessment upon the several lodges

represented; provided, that no assessment shall be levied if the committee has one hundred dollars on hand available for relief.

288. **Shall Keep Minutes.** The General Relief Committee shall keep accurate minutes of their transactions, and shall make semi-annual reports to the several lodges represented, and shall, at the last meeting of each term, deliver to their successors all books, papers, and moneys, belonging to the committee.

CHAPTER II:

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

289. Two or more Subordinate Lodges within this Domain may consolidate under the charter or warrant of either of them, or under a new warrant or charter; provided that no Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another, except by formal vote of such lodges, and after at least two weeks' notice of the proposed action has been given to every member thereof; provided also, that no Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another so long as seven members thereof shall vote against such consolidation; and provided further, that all members of Subordinate Lodges consolidated, and all persons holding unrevoked withdrawal cards issued by, or under suspension of such lodges, shall hold the same relation to the consolidated lodge as they held to their respective lodges at the date of such consolidation.

290. When two or more Subordinate Lodges in this Domain shall have determined to consolidate under the provisions of the preceding section, a joint committee composed of one or more members of each of such lodges shall prepare and submit to each of said lodges for ratification, articles of consolidation; said articles to contain the following information:

1. The proposition submitted to, and approved by each of said lodges.
2. The name and number, which shall be the number of one of said lodges of said consolidated lodge.
3. A list of the names of all the members of the proposed consolidated lodge.
4. The names of the officers chosen for said consolidated lodge.

Said articles shall be presented in writing, in duplicate, and signed by all members of said joint committee, and when ratified by the several lodges shall be certified under seal by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal of each of said lodges and forwarded to the Grand Chancellor for his approval. If approved by the Grand Chancellor, he shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to notify in writing each of said lodges that an order for the proposed consolidation will issue as prayed for in said articles upon the surrender of Rituals and officers' jewels, except one set of each, the warrant or charter of all said lodges, except the one whose name and number are retained, and a fee of ten dollars; provided, that if a new name has been chosen the warrants or charters of all said lodges shall be surrendered. On receipt by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the above mentioned Rituals, jewels, warrants or charters, and fee, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall immediately forward to the Keeper of Records and Seal of the consolidated lodge the articles of consolidation with the order of the Grand Chancellor endorsed thereon; the remaining copy to be in like manner endorsed with said order and filed in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. Such paraphernalia, Rituals and jewels as are not selected for use by the new lodge shall be securely boxed and shipped at the expense of the new lodge to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, to be held in trust by him until such time as sold, when deducting such expense as may be incurred, the proceeds of said sale shall be transferred to the general fund of the new lodge.

If the name of the lodge has been changed, a new warrant or charter shall be issued at once.

If the lodges fail to agree on a name or number the same shall be designated by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER III.

SUPREME LAWS.

291. **Supreme Constitution and Supreme Statutes in Lodge Room.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall procure and keep in the lodge room at least one copy of Supreme and Grand Constitution and Supreme and Grand Statutes, together with all amendments thereto and decisions of Supreme Tribunal which shall be kept by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER IV.

DEFINING THE FISCAL YEAR.

292. Twelve Months, From August 1 to July 31, Ensuing. The term "fiscal year," wherever used in these Statutes, shall be held to mean the period of twelve calendar months beginning August 1 of each calendar year and ending July 31 of the succeeding calendar year.

293. These Statutes shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of this Grand Lodge.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal Knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for Knighthood has to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who value friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave indefending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

APPENDIX

EXTRACTS FROM SUPREME CONSTITUTION AND SUPREME STATUTES, RELATING TO SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SUPREME CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—THE SUPREME LAW.

Section 1. The Rituals of the Order, the Supreme Constitution and the laws enacted by the Supreme Lodge in accordance therewith shall be the Supreme law of the Order of the Knights of Pythias.

ARTICLE II.—COMPOSITION OF THE ORDER.

Section 1. The Order of Knights of Pythias is and shall be a secret fraternal organization, composed of persons upon whom any rank of the Order shall have been legally conferred.

ARTICLE XI.—SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Section 1. A Subordinate Lodge shall be instituted only as may be provided by Supreme Law, and shall exist only by virtue of a warrant or charter issued in accordance therewith; it shall consist of not less than ten members, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum; it shall have and exercise subordinate Pythian authority and control over such territory as may be prescribed by law, subject to the laws established by the Supreme Government and by its Grand Lodge. Two or more Subordinate Lodges may be given concurrent territorial jurisdiction when located in the same city or town or other contiguous territory.

Sec. 2. The Ritualistic officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be as designated in the Subordinate Lodge Ritual. They

shall be nominated, elected and installed, and vacancies in office shall be filled, as provided by Supreme Law. The official terms of such officers shall continue for twelve months from January 1 in each year, or until their successors are elected and installed; provided, that, in Domains in which Grand Lodges so enact, such terms shall continue for six months from January 1 and July 1 in each year.

Sec. 3. A Subordinate Lodge may elect or appoint such trustee or other non-ritualistic officers as may be authorized by its Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4. Each Subordinate Lodge shall display its warrant or charter in the lodge room whenever in session.

Sec. 5. No meeting for the transaction of business or work shall be held, and no excursion or entertainment shall be had, by a Subordinate Lodge on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

Sec. 6. The ranks of knighthood shall be attained and conferred only in accordance with the requirement of the Supreme Law. The conditions of eligibility to such ranks shall be uniform, and shall be fixed by the Supreme Statutes; provided, always, that no person shall be initiated into the order unless he be a white male, of good moral character, twenty-one years of age and a believer in a Supreme Being; and provided, further, that the fees for the ranks of knighthood shall not be less than ten dollars in the currency of the United States of America, or its equivalent in the currency of the country in which the lodge is located.

Sec. 7. Membership in a Subordinate Lodge may be attained only as provided by the Supreme Law. Every person claiming the rights, benefits and privileges of the Order must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge.

Sec. 8. Each Subordinate Lodge shall provide for and pay, upon the death of a member thereof in good standing, a funeral benefit of not less than twenty dollars.

(See also Sections 303, 304, 305 and 306 Supreme Statutes).

Sec. 9. The warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge shall not be arrested, suspended, revoked or restored, except in the manner prescribed by Supreme Law.

SUPREME STATUTES

TITLE I.

CHAPTER XVI.

JEWELS—THEIR SALE AND USE.

114. Subordinate Lodge jewels shall be of the following design: A frame of silver or other white metal, which shall be, for a Past Chancellor's jewel, a pentagon, three-eighths of an inch in width, with a vertical diameter of two inches and a horizontal diameter of one and seven-eighths inches, the apex upward; for a Chancellor Commander's jewel, a double triangle, three-eighths of an inch in width, with a vertical diameter of two and one-fourth inches and a horizontal diameter of one and seven-eighths inches; for all others, an equilateral triangle, three-eighths of an inch in width and measuring two and one-fourth inches from point to point, the apex downward.

Upon this frame shall be placed appropriate emblems indicative of the rank, honor or station of the wearer, as follows:

Past Chancellor—The escutcheon of the Order in gold or other yellow metal.

Chancellor Commander—Two swords and a lance (in silver or other white metal), crossed, surmounted by the escutcheon of the Order in gold or other yellow metal.

Vice-Chancellor—A vertical lance (in silver or other white metal), surmounted by the escutcheon of the order in gold or other yellow metal.

Prelate—A circle in silver or other white metal, on which shall be placed the open book of law in gold or other yellow metal.

Master of the Work—Fasces and a torch in silver or other white metal, crossed.

Keeper of Records and Seal—Crossed pens in silver or other white metal.

Master of Finance—A pen and a key in silver or other white metal, crossed.

Master of Exchequer—Crossed keys in silver or other white metal.

Master at Arms—A sword, a lance and a battle ax in silver or other white metal; the butts touching and the ends extending outward.

Inner Guard—Two crossed swords in silver or other white metal.

Outer Guard—One sword, in silver or other white metal, placed vertically.

Knight—An oval, surrounded by the letters F. C. B; on the upper half of the oval, the words "Knights of Pythias;" on the lower half, the escutcheon of the order, bearing the words, "Esto perpetua"—all in gold or other yellow metal.

117. During conventions of lodges, Subordinate, Grand or Supreme, each occupant of an official station shall wear the jewel pertaining to such station. During conventions of a Subordinate Lodge, each Page shall wear a blue collar, each Esquire shall wear a yellow collar, and every other person, not occupying an official station, shall wear the jewel of the highest rank or honor which he has attained, or of some lower rank or honor; except that a Deputy Supreme Chancellor or a Deputy Grand Chancellor, when making an official visit, may wear the jewel pertaining to that position.

118. The jewels of the Order shall not be worn outside of the Castle hall, except during Pythian parades, funerals or other Pythian ceremonies of a public character.

TITLE IV

CHAPTER I.

INSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

221. When a petition for a Subordinate Lodge within the Domain of a Grand Lodge shall have been granted and a warrant issued therefor the Grand Chancellor shall designate the

time and place at which said Subordinate Lodge shall be instituted, and shall cause the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal officially to notify the petitioners that, at that time and place, such Subordinate Lodge will be instituted. At the time and place designated in the notice, the Grand Chancellor or his duly authorized deputy, as the case may be, having examined the hall and satisfied himself that it is adapted for conferring the ranks, shall call a meeting of the petitioners to order, and, in case of a deputy, shall read his commission as instituting officer. He shall also read the petition for the institution of the lodge, call the list of names upon said petition, and satisfy himself of the identity of each person answering such roll call.

223. The instituting officer shall then collect from all of the petitioners, who are not already members of the Order, the fees for the three ranks, which shall not be less than ten dollars in the currency of the United States of America, or its equivalent in the currency of the country in which the lodge is located; provided, that a member of the Order holding a withdrawal card may be admitted as a charter member of said lodge upon payment of a fee of not more than one dollar.

In effect October 17, 1902.

224. He will then require the applicants to vote by secret ball ballot on each name on the list, beginning with the last. He may, however, at his discretion allow a single ballot to be taken for the entire list, having previously notified the applicants that if two black balls (or one black ball, if the local law requires only that number to reject) shall appear on the general ballot, a separate ballot will be required on each name. If the general ballot be "fair," he shall declare all the applicants elected. If two black balls (or one, as above) appear, he will then require a separate ballot as above directed. Should any be rejected, he shall return the fees paid by such rejected persons.

225. The instituting officer will then exclude from the hall all who are not in possession of the S. A. P. W., and proceed to confer the ranks of knighthood upon the several petitioners who have been elected thereto.

226. In conferring the ranks, precedence shall be given to those of the petitioners who at a preliminary meeting may have been selected as the first officers of the lodge.

227. When the ranks of knighthood shall have been conferred upon at least those of the petitioners who may have been previously chosen as officers, the instituting officer may proceed to hold the election of officers for said Subordinate Lodge for the current term.

228. The bonds of the bonded officers having been approved by vote of the petitioners, the instituting officer shall install the officers elected and those subsequently appointed.

229. The instituting officer shall then officially declare the lodge duly instituted, and deliver to the Chancellor Commander the warrant therefor.

230. The instituting officer shall then pay over to the Master of Exchequer of the lodge the entire amount received as rank fees from the petitioners, taking a receipt therefor.

231. As soon as practicable after the institution of the lodge the instituting officer shall forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a report showing:

- (1) The name, number and location of the lodge, together with a list of its officers and the date of its institution.
- (2) The number of petitioners for the institution of the lodge, and the number on whom the ranks were conferred.
- (3) A list of the names of the applicants rejected on ballot.

CHAPTER II.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, AND FOR FILLING VACANCIES.

232. The words "office" and "officer," as used in this chapter, shall apply to such offices and officers as are designated in the Ritual for Subordinate Lodges, and to no others.

233. Any Knight in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the lodge of which he is a member; but no member shall hold two offices in a Subordinate Lodge

simultaneously; provided, that a lodge may by by-law prescribe that the duties of Master of Finance shall be performed by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

Enacted 1900.

234. Nominations of candidates for elective office of a Subordinate Lodge may be made at any time prior to the balloting for such candidates.

235. All elective officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be separately elected by majority vote upon written ballot.

237. Except as herein provided, all officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be installed at the first stated convention of the term for which they are to serve; provided that all requirements of the Grand Lodge relative thereto have been complied with, and provided also that no such officer shall be installed unless he be in good standing and has fully paid to his lodge all dues and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued. If any officer-elect shall be disqualified for installation, or shall be absent at the time designated for installation, the installing officer, unless such absence be excused by formal vote of the lodge, shall declare a vacancy in the office, which vacancy shall at once be filled by election. No officer shall assume the duties of his office until he has been regularly installed. Any officer-elect who may be absent from the regular installation, and whose absence shall be excused by his lodge, may be installed at a subsequent convention, at the convenience of the lodge and of the installing officer. Should the installation for any cause not be held at the convention herein designated, then it shall take place at the earliest convention thereafter which the convenience of the lodge and of the installing officer will allow, but in such case the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify all officers-elect to be present at such convention. All installations of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be by authority of the Supreme Lodge or of its Grand Lodge, and shall be conducted by the Supreme Chancellor or the Grand Chancellor, or by a deputy duly commissioned therefor by such authority, and only in the manner and form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge in the installation service established for Subordinate Lodges.

Enacted 1896.

238. Vacancies in office, by whatsoever cause produced, shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, and such officers shall be installed at the earliest convenience of the lodge and of the installing officer. Officers so chosen and installed shall hold office for the remainder of the official term, and shall upon the installation of their successors, or upon installation as their own successors, and not otherwise, be deemed to have served the full term, and in the case of the Chancellor Commander shall be entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor.

CHAPTER III.

TO REGULATE THE ATTAINMENT OF THE RANKS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

239. The condition of eligibility to apply for the Ranks of Knighthood, and the manner in which such ranks, or any of them, may be attained, shall be as prescribed in this chapter, and not otherwise.

240. An applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood must possess the following qualifications:

Paragraph 1. He must be a white male.

Par. 2. He must be of good moral character.

Par. 3. He must be not less than twenty-one and not more than fifty years of age, except that a person more than fifty years of age may become eligible by dispensation.

Par. 4. He must be a believer in a Supreme Being.

Par. 5. He must be in good health and sound in mind and body, except that a maimed person may become eligible by dispensation.

Par. 6. He must be able to read and write.

Par. 7. He must not be engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloonkeeper, bartender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bona fide hotel keeper or druggist).

Par. 8. He must believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which he lives.

Par. 9. He must not have been rejected by any Subordinate Lodge as an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood within the six months preceding his application.

241. Any person eligible under the provisions of the preceding section may make application for the Ranks of Knighthood to any Subordinate Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he has his actual residence; provided that he shall have resided with in the Domain for the preceding six months, and provided further, that, if the Subordinate Lodge to which he makes application, be not within the Domain of a Grand Lodge, he shall have resided for the preceding six months within the state, territory, district or province in which such Subordinate Lodge is located.

242. Paragraph 1. If a person desires to apply to a Subordinate Lodge other than the one in whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, but in the same Grand Domain, then his application must be accompanied by the permission of a lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he has his residence.

Par. 2. If a person desires to apply to a Subordinate Lodge in a Grand Domain other than the one in which he resides, or to a Subordinate Lodge not within a Grand Domain, then his application must be accompanied by the permission of the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain within which he resides.

243. The application shall state the age, race, residence and occupation of the applicant, and shall aver that he is in all respects eligible to admission under the provisions of the Supreme Law, and shall be in form as follows:

To.....Lodge, No....., Knights of Pythias of.....

I respectfully apply for the Ranks of Knighthood and for membership in your lodge and in the Order of Knights of Pythias. I declare upon honor that I am a white male; that I am of good moral character; that I was.....years of age on the..... day of.....last past; that I am a believer in a Supreme Being; that I am in good health and sound in mind and body; that I am able to read and write; that I am not engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloonkeeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bona fide hotel keeper or druggist); that I believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted au-

thority in the government in which I live; and that I have not been rejected as an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood within the six months preceding the date of this application.

I have been an actual and bona fide resident of this state (territory, district, province) continuously during the past six months.

My occupation is.....; place of business.....: postoffice address.....; residence.....

If this application be granted, I promise a full and faithful observance of all the laws that may govern your lodge and the Order.

I have carefully read the law as printed on the back hereof.

The fee of \$..... accompanies this application.

Written and signed by my own hand, this.....day of..... 19....

[Signed].....

On the back of this application shall be printed the section of this Chapter prescribing the qualifications of membership.

Enacted 1896.

244. Such application shall be signed in the applicant's own handwriting, and endorsed by two members of the lodge in good standing, who have attained the Rank of Knight, and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee. If the lodge so require, such application must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, approved by the lodge, as to the health of the applicant. Except as provided in this and the preceding sections, no application for the Ranks of Knighthood shall be received or considered by a lodge of the Order.

245. Such application may be received at any stated convention of the lodge, and shall be referred to an investigating committee of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, neither of whom shall have recommended the applicant. The committee shall take measures as they may deem needful, or as may be directed by law, to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of the applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood, and shall report to the lodge at a subsequent stated convention, except as otherwise authorized by dispensation, with recommendation for the acceptance or rejection of the applicant.

246. Upon the report of the Investigating Committee, whether favorable or otherwise, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot. Should all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one of them be a black ball, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; but should three or more black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected. In case only two black balls appear upon the first ballot, the ballot must be renewed immediately, and if upon the second ballot all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one black ball appear, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; but if two or more black balls appear upon the second ballot, the applicant shall be declared rejected. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this section.

247. When a ballot, either for membership by initiation, by card or for reinstatement, is about to be taken, the Chancellor Commander shall say: "Master at Arms, you will prepare the ballot box." When prepared, the Master at Arms will present the ballot box to the Chancellor Commander for his inspection. When satisfied with the condition of the box, the Chancellor Commander shall deposit his ballot. The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Master at Arms, you will deposit the ballot box on the altar." The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Brothers, the ballot is for the election or rejection of..... who is an applicant for membership by initiation [or, "by card," or, "by reinstatement," as the case may be]. White balls elect and black balls reject. You will proceed to vote without giving any sign or salutation." At the proper time, the Chancellor Commander shall say: "Have all the members voted?" and, hearing no response, he will add: "The ballot is closed," and to the Master at Arms the Chancellor Commander will say: "You will collect the ballot." The Master at Arms will then carry the ballot box to the Vice Chancellor, who will inspect the ballot, and, if seven or more balls are found in the box, announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is a legal one"; but if less than seven balls are found in the box, he will announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is not a legal one." In either case, the ballot box shall be carried by the Master at Arms to the Chancellor Commander, who, after inspecting it, shall announce: "The ballot is a legal one, and I officially declare.....duly elected to membership in this

lodge by initiation" [or, "by card," or, "by reinstatement," as the case may be, or, "rejected," as the case may be]; or in case the ballot be not a legal one, "Less than seven balls appearing, the ballot is not a legal one, and is therefore void. Master at Arms, you will prepare the ballot box and [having inspected it] place it on the altar. All members present are required to vote. You will proceed to do so."

In effect October 18, 1902.

248. If, after the election of an applicant to receive the Ranks of Knighthood, and before either of such Ranks has been conferred upon him, two or more members of the lodge shall file with the Chancellor Commander written objections to his admission, the Chancellor Commander, without disclosing the names of the objectors, shall announce such objections in open lodge, and such announcement shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, whereupon the initiation of the candidate shall be stayed. Should the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, and the stay of initiation shall be vacated, whereupon the candidate may receive the Ranks of Knighthood as if no objections had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, they shall operate as black balls, and at the first meeting after the expiration of such thirty days the Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant rejected. If similar objection to the advancement of a member who has not attained the Rank of Esquire or Knight be filed, the Chancellor Commander shall make like announcement, which shall be entered upon the records of the lodge and the advancement of the member shall be stayed. If the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty-days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the lodge, and the stay of advancement shall be vacated, whereupon the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained as if no objections had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, then after the expiration of such thirty days, a secret ball ballot shall be taken in the manner provided in sections 246 and 247 of this Chapter, when, if the result be favorable, the member may be advanced as if no objections had been filed; but if the result of such ballot be unfavorable, all fees paid by the member for ranks not already attained by him shall be at once

returned, and his advancement shall be permanently stayed; provided, that after six months from the date of such permanent stay, the member, if in good standing in the lodge, may apply for advancement, accompanying his application with the amount of the fee then required by law, and such application shall be subject to investigation and ballot as provided in Secs. 245 and 246 of this Chapter, when, if the result be favorable, the permanent stay shall be vacated and the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained as if no objections had been filed; but, if the ballot be unfavorable, the Chancellor Commander shall declare the member rejected for advancement, and no other application for advancement shall be received from such member until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

249. No ballot upon an application for the Ranks of Knighthood shall at any time be reconsidered nor renewed, except as provided in Sections 246 and 248 of this Chapter.

250. If an application for the Ranks of Knighthood be rejected, all fees received from the applicant for ranks shall be at once returned to him.

251. No application shall be withdrawn, except by consent of the lodge, given by the vote of a majority of the members present, nor at all after the report of the investigating committee has been read to the lodge. No discussion of the result of a ballot or of the merits or demerits of a candidate shall be permitted at any time after such ballot, either in the lodge or out of it; nor shall any member of the Order disclose, directly or indirectly, either the report of the Investigating Committee or the character of any vote supposed to have been cast upon such ballot.

252. A Subordinate Lodge may confer the Ranks of Esquire and Knight, or either of them, upon a member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Page or Esquire in another lodge, upon the request of such other lodge under seal. The Subordinate Lodge which shall have conferred a rank in accordance with this section shall immediately notify the lodge which preferred the request therefor, of the date upon which such rank was conferred. Upon receipt of such notice, record thereof shall be made upon the book of the lodge receiving it.

253. One week must elapse between the conferring of any two ranks upon the same person, except at the first four conventions of a new lodge, and except as otherwise permitted by dispensation.

253a. The Chancellor Commander, at the time the rank of page shall have been conferred upon a candidate, shall appoint a committee consisting of three members of the lodge to instruct the candidate in the secret work of the rank already conferred upon him, and it shall be the duty of the committee to instruct and prepare the candidate for the examination provided for in Section 253b, following. Such committee shall serve until the candidate shall have attained the rank of Knight.

253b. Every member of the Order in the Page or Esquire rank, prior to being advanced to a higher rank, shall pass a satisfactory examination in open lodge in the unwritten work of the rank or ranks already taken, such examination to be conducted by the chairman of the committee of three appointed by the Chancellor Commander as provided for in Section 253a.

In effect October 17, 1902.

254. No rank shall be conferred until the fee therefor has been paid, and no portion of such fee shall be refunded, donated or returned, directly or indirectly, except as provided in this Chapter.

255. A Subordinate Lodge shall not ballot upon an application for the Ranks of Knighthood at the same convention at which it was received, except upon written dispensation therefor.

256. The Chancellor Commander at his pleasure may call any Knight to the chair to assist in conferring any Rank of Knighthood; or, by consent of the lodge, he may assign the work to a team organized or drilled for such work, a part or all of whom may be members of other lodges; provided that the lodge shall remain under the control of its Chancellor Commander or one of its officers legally qualified to preside; but the S. A. P. W. must be communicated only by the Chancellor Commander or (in his absence) by the Vice Chancellor of the lodge.

CHAPTER IV.

TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE IMPOSITION AND PAYMENT OF
DUES, ASSESSMENTS AND FINES.

258. All dues shall begin from the date of initiation as Page, or of affiliation by transfer card, withdrawal card, Grand Lodge card or Supreme Lodge card. Different rates of dues may be required from members of the different ranks of Knighthood, as each Subordinate Lodge may enact, but the payment of dues shall not be required before the end of the stated periods for which they are payable, except that, if a member receive a transfer card, he shall be charged with dues to the first of the month succeeding the date of the issue of such transfer card; or, if he apply for a withdrawal card, he shall be charged with dues pro rata up to the date of the granting of such card.

In effect October 19, 1902.

259. A member shall be in arrears when his dues at the end of a period for which the same are payable, remain unpaid at midnight of the last day of such period. A Subordinate Lodge may collect dues in advance, but a member shall not be deemed in arrears or deprived of benefits or of the S. A. P. W. because of failure to make such payment in advance.

260. Subordinate Lodges shall, subject to the Supreme Law and the legislation of their respective Grand Lodges, provide for the prompt collection of the dues of their members.

261. Subordinate Lodges may, subject to the Supreme Law and the legislation of their respective Grand Lodges, provide for the imposition of fines and assessments upon their members, which fines and assessments shall become due and payable upon the next succeeding date for the payment of dues, and their non-payment at such date shall thereupon render the member in arrears and subject to all the provisions of this Chapter; provided that fines and assessments imposed within one month preceding the end of a stated period for which dues are payable shall not become due and payable until the next succeeding date for the payment of dues.

262. When a member shall have become in arrears for dues, fines and assessments equal to the amount of one year's dues,

the Master of Finance of his lodge shall forthwith notify him, by mail to his address as shown upon the books of the lodge, that he is so in arrears, and that, if such arrearages are not paid within thirty days after the date of such notice, he will be suspended from the lodge and from the Order. The Master of Finance shall receive any payments which may be tendered to him in response to such notice, at any time prior to action of the lodge, thereon, provided the amount so tendered shall at least equal three months' dues. If, at a convention of the lodge held after the expiration of the time specified in such notice, the member so notified shall not have made payment of arrearages as hereinbefore provided, the Master of Finance shall notify the lodge to that effect and that the notice required by this action has been sent. The account of the member shall thereupon be read, when, if objection be made thereto the question whether or not the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues, shall be submitted to vote of the lodge and if the lodge shall vote that the member is so in arrears, the Chancellor Commander shall thereupon declare him suspended from the lodge and from the Order, and such suspension shall be entered upon the records of the lodge; but such declaration by the Chancellor Commander shall in no case be made unless the notice herein required shall have been sent, nor unless the lodge shall previously determine by formal vote that the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues, which facts must be made of record upon the books of the lodge; provided that the member shall not be so declared suspended if at the time he be under charges.

263. A member who shall be suspended under the provisions of this Chapter shall be known as a suspended member, and shall have no claim upon the Order nor upon any lodge thereof, nor upon any member of the Order, for any Pythian right, benefit or privilege whatsoever, until after he shall have been reinstated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues, fines or assessments during the period of his suspension.

264. If any such suspended member shall commit an offense against the Order, charges may be preferred against him either in the lodge by which he was suspended, or in any lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed;

whereupon the person so charged shall be summoned before such lodge, and trial shall be had in the manner provided by law for offenders who are members of the Order. If he shall be convicted of the offense charged, the trial lodge shall thereupon declare the offender expelled from the Order, and if such lodge be other than that by which he was suspended, notice of its action shall be at once given that lodge through the Keeper of Records and Seal.

CHAPTER V.

GOOD STANDING IN SUBORDINATE LODGE.

265. A Page, Esquire or Knight shall be considered to be in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member:

Paragraph 1. If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.

Par. 2. If he has not renounced the Order.

CHAPTER VI.

TRANSFER CARDS.

268. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, who may desire to change his membership to another lodge, may make application in writing over his own signature for a transfer card. Such application shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by law for a transfer card and the amount of his dues, fines and assessments accrued, and dues in advance to the first of the month succeeding the presentation of such application to the lodge.

Enacted 1896.

269. An application for a transfer card shall be read in open lodge, and a record of such fact made upon the minutes of the lodge, and the further consideration of the matter shall be postponed until the next regular convention of the lodge, at which time, if no charges are pending against the applicant, and he be in good standing in the lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall order the transfer card to be issued without any vote of the

lodge. When the issue of such card has been ordered by the Chancellor Commander, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith prepare the same and cause it to be duly signed by the Chancellor Commander and attested by himself, and shall deliver it to the member requesting it, either in person or by mail to his address as it appears on the books of the lodge.

270. The transfer card shall certify to the Rank of Knighthood which he may have attained and to his good standing in the lodge of issue. Such transfer card shall be in form as follows:

Transfer Card.

(Seal of Supreme Lodge.) Issued by the (Seal of Grand Lodge.)
Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias,

Through the Grand Lodge of.....

Castle Hall of.....Lodge, No..., at.....Grand Domain of.....

To any lodge of the Order of Knights of Pythias to which this card may be presented:

It is hereby certified that....., whose proper signature is written in the margin hereof, is a member of the Rank of....., in good standing in this lodge.

Should this lodge receive notice from you that within ninety days from this date, the holder of this card has been elected a member of your lodge, his membership in this lodge will be deemed to have ceased upon such election; otherwise, this transfer card shall be null and void.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto affixed our signatures and the seal of the lodge, this.....day of....., 19.., P. P.....

(Seal of Subordinate Lodge.)

Chancellor Commander.

Keeper of Records and Seal.

Sections 271, 272, 273 and 274 of this Chapter shall be printed on the back of the transfer card, which shall also contain a coupon for notification to the lodge of issuance.

Enacted 1896.

271. The holder of a transfer card may apply, subject to the provisions of Title IV, Chapter III, Sections 240, 241 and 242, Supreme Statutes (except paragraph 7 of Section 240, which shall not apply to applicants for membership by deposit of transfer card), to any lodge of the Order, for membership in such lodge; and he shall attach such transfer card to his application, and accompany the same with the application fee prescribed by law, together with an official receipt showing the payment to the lodge issuing the card of all dues, fines and assessments to the first of the month succeeding the date of the issue of such transfer card; provided, that if, under the provisions of said Chapter III, the permission of the lodge of issue to make application is required, then such transfer card shall be deemed and taken as such permission; and provided, further, that the holder of such transfer card, making such application, shall not be required to state therein that he has been a resident for six months of the domain in which such application is made, as is required by Section 243 of the Supreme Statutes.

In effect August 19, 1902.

272. An application for membership by deposit of transfer card shall be subject to the investigation and ballot provided in Title IV, Chapter III, Sections 245 and 246, Supreme Statutes. If the applicant be elected, his membership in the lodge of issue of such transfer card shall thereupon cease and determine and his membership in the lodge to which his application is made shall begin. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the lodge of deposit shall at once address and forward by mail the coupon notice of such election to the lodge issuing the transfer card. Upon receipt of such notice by the lodge of issue, it shall be read in open lodge, and record thereof shall be made by the Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance upon the books of the lodge. If the application be rejected, the transfer card shall be filed in the lodge in which it is deposited, and no similar application by that applicant shall be considered by that lodge for ninety days thereafter.

Enacted 1896.

273. The rights of a holder of a transfer card as an officer in the lodge of issue, or as Grand Representative from such lodge, shall not be impaired by reason of the issue or deposit

of such transfer card until his election to membership in the lodge in which it is deposited, but thereupon any such right shall finally cease and determine. If the lodge of deposit of a transfer card be within the same Domain as the lodge of issue, the rights of the holder thereof as an officer in his Grand Lodge, or as Supreme Representative from such Grand Lodge, shall not be affected or impaired by the issue or deposit of such transfer card; but if the lodge of deposit of a transfer card be not within the same Domain as the lodge of issue, then all such rights of the holder of such transfer card shall cease and determine upon his election to membership in the lodge of deposit. The rights of a holder of a transfer card as an officer of the Supreme Lodge shall at no time be affected or impaired by the issue or deposit of such transfer card.

Enacted 1896.

274. A Subordinate Lodge, subject to the legislation of its Grand Lodge, may establish the fee to accompany an application for affiliation by the deposit of a transfer card and for the issue of such cards. The fee for the issuance of a transfer card shall be one dollar.

Enacted 1898.

CHAPTER VII.

TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE ISSUE AND USE OF WITHDRAWAL CARDS, GRAND LODGE CARDS, AND SUPREME LODGE CARDS.

276. Any member of the order who is not indebted to his lodge, and is not under charges, may apply to his lodge in writing over his own signature for a withdrawal card.

277. Such application shall be read in open lodge, whereupon the Chancellor Commander shall enquire whether objection exists to the issue of such card, and if no objection be made, he shall, except as provided in Section 286 of this Chapter, at once order its issue, without formal vote of the lodge thereon. If objection be made, the Chancellor Commander shall at once require the objection to be formulated in writing as charges against the applicant for the card, which charges shall take the course provided by law, unless the application be with-

drawn; and if upon final hearing the defendant be convicted, the application shall be denied and no further application from him for such card shall be received or considered until the penalty following such conviction shall have been fully discharged. If the applicant be acquitted, the Chancellor Commander shall, except as provided in Section 286 of this Statute, thereupon order that the card be issued, unless the applicant shall have withdrawn, in writing, his request therefor. In any case where the Chancellor Commander shall order the issue of a withdrawal card, he shall endorse his order upon the application for the card, with the date thereof, and the card shall be at once prepared and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal and signed by the Chancellor Commander, and delivered immediately to the applicant therefor, either in person or by mail to his address as shown on the books of the lodge.

278. A member of a Subordinate Lodge which shall have become defunct may make application for a Grand Lodge card to the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge in whose Domain said defunct lodge was situated, accompanying his application with satisfactory proof of his good standing in his Subordinate Lodge when the same became defunct, together with the fee for the card; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, directing the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge card.

279. A member of a Subordinate Lodge which shall have become defunct, who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, may make application for a Grand Lodge card to the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge in whose Domain said defunct lodge was situated, accompanying his application with the fee for the card and the amount of one year's dues as required by his lodge at the date of his suspension; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, and shall cause a Grand Lodge card to be issued and delivered to the applicant, as provided in the preceding section.

282. Upon the order of a Chancellor Commander for the issue of a withdrawal card, or of a Grand Chancellor for the issue of a Grand Lodge card, or of the Supreme Chancellor for the issue of a Supreme Lodge card, the applicant therefor shall be known as an ex-member of the Order, and the membership of

such applicant in his lodge and in the Order shall cease and determine, except as hereinafter provided, and any official position held by him shall thereupon become vacant; but honors previously attained by him shall be retained. He shall have no claim upon the order or upon any lodge thereof for any Pythian privilege or benefit whatsoever.

283. If an ex-member, as defined in the preceding section, shall commit an offense against the Order which, if committed by a member of the Order, would subject the offender to the penalties prescribed for such offenses, then and in that case, such ex-member may be proceeded against as if he were a member of the Order, and upon conviction of the offense as charged, the withdrawal card held by such ex-member shall stand revoked and annulled, and the holder of such card shall thereupon be perpetually prohibited from regaining membership in any lodge of the Order.

284. Should the holder of a withdrawal card, a Grand Lodge card or a Supreme Lodge card desire at any time to become affiliated with any Subordinate Lodge, he must make application to such lodge in the manner provided in Title IV, Chapter III, Supreme Statutes, and attach his card to such application. All the provisions of said statute shall apply to such application, except that in case of rejection the card shall be returned to the applicant, and except, also, that in such case the application may be renewed to the same or (subject to the provisions of said Chapter) to a different Subordinate Lodge, after one month from the date of such rejection. If the applicant be elected, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of such lodge at once to notify the lodge of issue thereof, and the membership of the applicant shall date from such election.

285. Should any such card be lost or destroyed, the holder thereof may apply in writing to the source of issue for a duplicate, which, upon satisfactory proof of such loss and upon payment of the fee therefor shall at once be issued and delivered to him. If a card has been mutilated or defaced, the holder may surrender such card to the source of issue, and upon his request and payment of the fee therefor, a duplicate shall be issued and delivered to him. There shall be written or printed in red ink, across the face of any card issued under the provisions of this section, the word "duplicate."

286. No Subordinate Lodge shall issue a card to a Past Chancellor, a Past Grand Chancellor or a Past Supreme Chancellor who may be under charges in his Grand Lodge or the Supreme Lodge; and should such card be so issued, it shall not be pleaded in bar of the proceedings under the charges, nor of the findings upon the same.

287. The form of withdrawal card specified in this Chapter shall be as follows:

Withdrawal Card.

(Seal of Supreme Lodge.)

(Seal of Grand Lodge.)

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias,

Through the Grand Lodge of.....authorizes
..... Lodge No....., of....., in said
Grand Domain, to issue this withdrawal card to.....
(whose proper signature is written in the margin hereof), who
has attained the Rank of....., and, at his own
request, has received this card of honorable withdrawal there-
from.

Membership in the order by the holder hereof terminated
upon the granting of this card.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto affixed our signatures,
and the seal of the lodge, this.....day of.....19..,
P. P.....

(Seal of Subordinate Lodge.)

.....
Chancellor Commander.
.....

Keeper of Records and Seal.

Note.—This card will remain in force until revoked or de-
posited (unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Lodge),
and the holder shall be subject to all laws and regulations re-
lating thereto, as established by the Supreme Lodge. It cannot
be used as a visiting credential nor as evidence of the attain-
ment of any honor or rank other than the Ranks of Knighthood.
Such honor or other rank must be evidenced by a separate cre-
dential therefor.

CHAPTER VIII.

REINSTATEMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

293. A former member of the Order who was suspended from membership in his Subordinate Lodge and in the Order for non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to such membership, may make application therefor to the Subordinate Lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application shall be accompanied by such sum as the by-laws of such lodge may prescribe for reinstatement, which amount shall not be more than the amount of membership fee in said lodge at the time of said application.

Enacted 1900.

294. Such application shall be read in open lodge, at a stated convention thereof, and referred to an Investigating Committee of three, as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, and no further action shall be taken on such application by the lodge for one week, and until the report of the Investigating Committee shall have been made to the lodge.

295. Upon the report of the Investigating Committee, and subject to the restrictions of the preceding section, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot, as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, except that, if two-thirds of all the balls deposited upon such ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated; but should more than one-third of the balls deposited be black, the ballot shall be renewed immediately. Should two-thirds or more of the balls deposited on the second ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated; but should more than one-third of the balls be black, the applicant for reinstatement shall be declared rejected, and no further application for the reinstatement of the applicant so rejected shall be received by the lodge for the period of six months after the date of such rejection. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this section.

296. A member of the Order, who has been reinstated to membership as hereinbefore provided, shall not be chargeable with any dues accrued during the period of his suspension, nor with any assessments imposed during such period.

CHAPTER IX.

TO DEFINE THE STATUS OF MEMBERS OF THE ORDER UNDER SUSPENSION FOR ANY CAUSE OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES, THE CONTROL THAT MAY BE EXERCISED OVER SUCH MEMBERS, AND THE METHODS BY WHICH THEY MAY REGAIN MEMBERSHIP.

297. The penalty of suspension from the Order for offenses against it may be either:

Paragraph 1. For a term fixed by the lodge at the time of suspension, which shall be known as "definite suspension;" or,

Par. 2. At the pleasure of the lodge, which shall be known as "indefinite suspension."

298. A person who may be under suspension, either "definite" or "indefinite," shall have no claim upon the order, nor upon any lodge or member thereof, for any Pythian right, privilege or benefit whatsoever, until after his suspension shall have been terminated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues, fines or assessments during the period of his suspension.

299. If any such suspended member shall commit an offense against the Order, charges may be preferred against him, either in the lodge by which he was suspended, or in any lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed; whereupon the person so charged shall be summoned before such lodge, and trial shall be had in the manner provided by law for offenders who are members of the order. If he shall be convicted of the offense charged, the trial lodge shall thereupon declare the offender expelled from the Order; and if such lodge be other than that by which he was suspended, notice of its action shall be at once given to that lodge through its Keeper of Records and Seal.

300. A person under "definite" suspension shall, at the expiration of the term of such suspension, become and be reinstated to the standing held by him at the date of his suspension, without formal vote or action of the lodge, and shall thereupon be subject to all the obligations and entitled to all the rights pertaining to such standing.

301. If a person who is under suspension, either "definite" or "indefinite," shall desire reinstatement prior to the expiration

of such suspension, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain in which the lodge by which he was suspended is located, for permission to apply to such lodge for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was suspended, for immediate reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement, or may reduce the term of suspension; provided at least that one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and provided also that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof.

302. When a lodge by whose action a person is under "indefinite" suspension, or under "definite" suspension, the term of which has not expired, has become defunct, and such person desires reinstatement in the order, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain in which such defunct lodge was located, for permission to apply to any Subordinate Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, for reinstatement to membership in the order; whereupon said Grand Chancellor shall make such investigation as he may deem advisable and necessary as to the propriety of granting the petition, and shall submit the petition, together with the results of his investigation, to his Grand Lodge at its next convention. Should the Grand Lodge grant the petition, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall give the petitioner official printed or written notice thereof, in manner and form as follows:

Grand Lodge of....., K. P.,

.....,

....., 19...., P. P.....

To....., formerly a member of.....
Lodge, No.....(defunct), of this Grand Domain:

Whereas, on or about the.....day of.....,
19...., after due trial, you were, for cause, duly suspended for
.....; and, whereas, after such suspension,

and before its termination said lodge became defunct, and so remains; and, whereas, you have, in accordance with the forms of law, filed with the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge a petition for permission to apply for reinstatement to membership in the Order; and, whereas, after due hearing, this Grand Lodge has granted the prayer of said petition; now, therefore, this notice thereof is issued to you, the said....., and shall have the same force as, and may be used in lieu of, a withdrawal card.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and the seal of this Grand Lodge, the day and year first above written.

(Seal of Grand Lodge.)

.....
Grand Chancellor.

Attest:

.....
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Such official notice shall have the same force as, and may be used in lieu of, a withdrawal card. If the lodge described in Sections 301 and 302 of this Chapter, was not within the Domain of a Grand Lodge, or if its warrant has been revoked, or if the Grand Lodge in whose Domain such lodge was located has become defunct, the petition herein referred to shall be made to the Supreme Chancellor, and shall be submitted by him to the Supreme Lodge, for its action. If the petition be granted by the Supreme Lodge, the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal shall give to the petitioner official notice thereof in manner and form similar to that herein prescribed for official notice of the action of a Grand Lodge.

CHAPTER X.

RELATING TO FUNERAL BENEFITS.

303. Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay a funeral benefit of not less than twenty dollars in the currency of the United States of America, or its equivalent in the currency of the country in which the lodge is located, upon the death of a member thereof, of any rank, who was in good standing at the time of his death, said payment to be made as provided in the by-laws of the lodge.

304. A Subordinate Lodge which provides for the payment of a larger sum than the minimum amount fixed by the Supreme Law as a funeral benefit, may prescribe the person or persons to whom the amount in excess of said minimum amount shall be paid, or it may provide that the amount in excess of such minimum shall be expended under the direction of the lodge toward defraying the funeral expenses of the deceased member. To be entitled to the privileges conferred by this section, a Subordinate Lodge must take advantage thereof by the adoption of such provisions in its by-laws as will secure them.

305. When a Subordinate Lodge provides in its by-laws that the amount of its funeral benefits in excess of the minimum amount fixed by the Supreme Law shall be applied toward the payment of funeral expenses, it shall be the sole judge as to what portion of said sum shall be expended for that purpose, and the rights of the party entitled under the by-laws of a lodge to the twenty dollars minimum funeral benefit shall be held to have been satisfied whenever such minimum shall have been paid to such party.

306. The suicide of a member shall not release his Subordinate Lodge from the payment of the minimum amount of funeral benefit provided by the Supreme Law.

CHAPTER XI.

RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDING OFFICER OTHER THAN THE CHANCELLOR COMMANDER OR VICE-CHANCELLOR.

307. The Chancellor Commander is the executive officer of a Subordinate Lodge, and in addition to his duties as such, it shall be his duty to preside at all the conventions of his lodge. In the event of his absence at the time fixed by law for calling a convention to order, or in case he is present at that time and fails or refuses to call the lodge to order within fifteen minutes of the time fixed by law for opening the lodge, and a quorum is present, the Vice Chancellor shall take the chair and perform, for the time being, the duties of Chancellor Commander. If both of these officers are absent, or are present and neglect or refuse to preside, the members present shall proceed to select, by vote, some one from among themselves to preside, voting first upon the Past Chancellors, and, in case of failure to secure a

presiding officer from among them, then upon those who have received the Rank of Knight. The person so selected to preside shall have, while in the chair, the same power to conduct the business of the lodge and to preside while the ranks are being conferred, that is devolved by the law upon a Chancellor Commander.

CHAPTER XIII.

RESORT TO CIVIL COURTS BY MEMBERS.

309. Members of the Order shall not resort to the civil courts of the land, for establishing rights and redressing grievances growing out of membership in the Order, until they shall have exhausted their remedies in the tribunals of the Order.

CHAPTER XIV.

RELATING TO WARRANTS AND CHARTERS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES WITHIN THE DOMAIN OF A GRAND LODGE.

313. No warrant or charter shall be granted to a Subordinate Lodge to be known by a name or title which is the name or title of a living person.

318. No Subordinate Lodge shall surrender its warrant or charter so long as seven members shall vote against such surrender, nor unless two weeks' notice in writing of the convention at which the proposed surrender is to be acted on shall have been given to every member of the lodge.

319. Two or more Subordinate Lodges within the Domain of the same Grand Lodge may be consolidated under the warrant or charter of either of them, or under a new warrant or charter, on such terms and in such manner as may be determined by the Grand Lodge within whose Domain they are located, provided that no Subordinate Lodge shall be so consolidated with another, except by formal vote of such lodges, and after at least two weeks' notice of the proposed action has been given to every member thereof; provided also, that no Subordinate Lodge shall be consolidated with another so long as seven members thereof shall vote against such consolidation; and provided further, that all members of Subordinate Lodges consolidated, and all

persons holding unrevoked withdrawal cards issued thereby, or under suspension of such lodges, shall hold the same relation to the consolidated lodge as they held to their respective lodges at the date of such consolidation.

320. The warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge which shall be guilty of conduct disloyal or discreditable to the Order, or which shall neglect or refuse to conform to, observe or enforce the Supreme Law or any mandate of the Supreme Tribunal or of the Supreme Chancellor, or any law of its Grand Lodge, or any mandate of the Grand Chancellor thereof, or either of them, or the membership of which may diminish to less than ten members, may be suspended or revoked in the manner provided by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain in which such Subordinate Lodge is located; provided, no such warrant or charter shall be suspended or revoked until the lodge shall have been duly notified of its alleged offense, and opportunity given for answer and defense; nor shall any such warrant or charter be revoked except by formal vote of its Grand Lodge.

321. The warrant or charter of a Subordinate Lodge, which has been surrendered or suspended in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, may be restored to the members thereof who petition for such restoration, at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge within whose Domain it is located, or of the Grand Chancellor thereof; and in such case the members thereof and all persons holding unrevoked withdrawal cards from, or under suspension by, such Subordinate Lodge, shall hold the same relation to the reinstated lodge as they held thereto at the date of the surrender or suspension of its warrant or charter.

322. A Warrant or Charter which has been revoked under the provisions of this Chapter may be restored by the Grand Lodge to such of the members thereof as petition therefor. Such lodge, so organized, shall have jurisdiction or control only over the persons to whom such warrant or charter may have been restored, except as others may subsequently become members thereof in the manner provided by law.

CHAPTER XV.

RELATING TO THE FEES THAT SHALL BE CHARGED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBORDINATE LODGE WITHIN THE DOMAIN OF A GRAND LODGE.

323. Subject to provisions of this statute, and to the requirement of the Supreme Constitution that the total amount of the fee for the three Ranks shall not be less than ten dollars in the currency of the United States of America, or its equivalent in the currency of the country in which the lodge is located, a Grand Lodge may prescribe by law the amount of the fee that shall be charged by each of its Subordinate Lodges for the Ranks of Knighthood; provided, that at the institution of a new lodge, the amount of the prescribed fee for the three Ranks must be paid to the instituting officer before an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood in such new lodge can be legally elected to receive them; and provided further that not less than one-third of the total amount of the fee prescribed for the Ranks of Knighthood must be paid into the Exchequer of the existing lodge before an applicant for membership therein by initiation can be legally elected to receive the Ranks of Knighthood.

324. The fee to be charged by a Subordinate Lodge for membership therein by the deposit of a transfer card shall be as prescribed by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. The affiliation fee must be paid into the exchequer of the lodge before an applicant for affiliation can be legally elected as a member.

325. The fee to be charged by a Subordinate Lodge for membership therein by the deposit of a withdrawal card, Grand Lodge card, or Supreme Lodge card, shall be as prescribed by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. Such fee must be paid into the exchequer of the lodge before an applicant for reconnection with the Order can be legally elected to membership.

326. The fee to be charged by a Subordinate Lodge for reinstatement to membership therein of a member suspended for non-payment of arrearages shall be as prescribed by the Subordinate Lodge from which he was suspended. The total amount of the reinstatement fee must be paid into the exchequer of the lodge before an applicant for reinstatement can be legally restored to

membership, which amount shall not be more than the amount of membership fee in said lodge at the time of said application.

Enacted 1900.

CHAPTER XVI.

RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF FUNDS OF A SUBORDINATE LODGE WITHIN THE DOMAIN OF A GRAND LODGE.

328. The receipts from fees and dues and the increments thereof shall constitute a trust fund for carrying out the fraternal and beneficial features of the Order, and shall not be expended for any other than those purposes and the payment of the necessary expenses of the lodge, as those purposes and expenses may be determined legislatively or judicially by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction, which Grand Lodge shall also determine the vote that shall be necessary to make an expenditure from the fund, and the manner in which it may be invested, if at all. This fund shall not be subject to partition among the members of a lodge; and in case a lodge shall from any cause cease to exist, said fund shall revert to the Grand Lodge within whose Domain the lodge is located.

329. The receipts from fines and assessments shall be carried to such fund or funds as the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction may direct, and shall be expended only in such manner, by such vote and for such purposes as said Grand Lodge may determine.

330. The receipts from donations or bequests shall be carried to such fund or funds, or applied to such purpose or purposes, as the donors may direct; provided such direction is in conformity with the principles and purposes of the order; and provided further, that, should the donation or bequest be made without directions as to the purpose to which it shall be applied, such donation or bequest shall be carried to the trust fund.

CHAPTER XXI.

REINSTATEMENT OF EXPELLED MEMBERS.

354-A. If a member who has been expelled shall desire reinstatement, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain in which the lodge by which he was expelled is

located, for permission to apply to such lodge for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was expelled for reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement; provided at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and provided, also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof.

Enacted 1898.

354-B. When a lodge by whose action a member has been expelled becomes defunct, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the Domain in which such defunct lodge was located for reinstatement to membership in the Order. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application; whereupon, the Grand Chancellor shall make such investigation as he may deem advisable and necessary as to the propriety of granting the petition, and shall submit the petition, together with the results of his investigation to the Grand lodge at its next convention. Should the Grand Lodge grant the petition by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the Grand Chancellor shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge card, and shall cause to be endorsed on back of same a brief statement of the facts in the case. The fee for the issuance of the Grand Lodge card shall be governed by the statutes of the Domain providing for the issuance of Grand Lodge Cards.

Enacted 1898.

TITLE VII.

CHAPTER I.

RITUALS—CUSTODY OF.

391. The Rituals for Subordinate Lodges which, under the provisions of this Chapter, may be received by any Subordinate Lodge, shall be in the custody and control of the Chancellor Commander of such Subordinate Lodge, except when they may

be in actual use during a convention thereof. When not in use, they shall be kept by him securely locked in a box or other receptacle prepared therefor. At the installation of officers for a new term, the outgoing Chancellor Commander shall deliver the Rituals in his custody to the installing officer, and they shall be delivered by such installing officer to the incoming Chancellor Commander, upon his receipt therefor.

392. No Chancellor Commander shall loan any Ritual for Subordinate Lodges, which may be in his custody, to any officer or member of the Order whomsoever, nor permit such Ritual to be taken from the lodge room; but he may permit such Ritual to be used within the lodge room by any officer or member who has attained the Rank of Knight, who may desire to familiarize himself therewith, upon pledge of his knightly honor that such ritual shall not be taken from the lodge room.

TITLE VIII

CHAPTER I.

SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

396. The semi-annual password shall be communicated by the District Deputy Grand Chancellor or other installing officer to the Chancellor Commander of each Subordinate Lodge under his charge, at the time and in the manner provided in the installation ceremony.

397. Each Chancellor Commander shall, upon application therefor, personally and orally communicate the current semi-annual password to any member of the order who has attained the Rank of Knight, whose indebtedness to the lodge is paid to the beginning of the term for which such password is issued, and who is otherwise in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge over which such Chancellor Commander presides, and to none others, except as provided in this statute.

Enacted 1896.

398. Any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, and who is in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, who shall be unable to obtain the password for the current semi-annual term personally and orally from the Chancellor Commander of his Subordinate Lodge, shall be entitled to an order addressed to any Chancellor Commander to whom

the same may be presented, requesting him to communicate to the member named therein the password for the semi-annual term in which such order is dated.

399. No order for the semi-annual password shall be issued to a member of a Subordinate Lodge, at a time or during a period when such Subordinate Lodge shall be without the word and not entitled to the promulgation thereof.

400. Upon presentation of an order for the semi-annual password, upon an official blank dated in the current semi-annual term and properly signed and sealed, together with an official receipt described therein, to any Chancellor Commander, by one who shall by personal identification or examination in the secret work, or both, prove himself to be the person designated in such order and official receipt, then such Chancellor Commander shall personally and orally communicate to him the semi-annual password described therein; provided that, should the person presenting such order and official receipt be intoxicated or insane, then such Chancellor Commander may refuse to communicate to him the semi-annual password; but in such case he shall at once notify the Chancellor Commander issuing the order, of his action and of the reason therefor. When a Chancellor Commander shall invest a brother with the semi-annual password under the provisions of this section, he shall in every case immediately take up and destroy the order therefor.

402. The use of the semi-annual password shall be at all times strictly limited by the provisions of the Rituals of the Order.

TITLE IX

CHAPTER I.

TO DEFINE OFFENSES AGAINST THE ORDER, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE PENALTIES WHICH MAY BE INFLICTED THEREFOR.

405. Any member of the Order who shall violate any pledge contained in the obligations of any Rank of Knighthood, or of any legislative rank which he may have received, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and shall be subject, upon conviction thereof, to expulsion from the Order, to sus-

pension from the Order for a definite period, or to suspension from the Order for an indefinite period.

406. Any member of the Order who shall violate any law of the state or country of his residence, or any of the rules of reputable society, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight of Pythias, and upon conviction thereof, may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion, and not otherwise, as may be determined by the Subordinate Lodge before whom his guilt has been established. The certified record of any court before whom the member has been convicted of such offense may be used as evidence in his trial by the lodge, but shall not be conclusive of his guilt.

407. Any member of the Order who shall defraud, or attempt to defraud the Supreme Lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize the Supreme Lodge or any officer or member thereof as such, or the Supreme Tribunal or any Supreme Tribune as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, he may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

408. Any member of the Order who shall neglect or refuse to obey the Supreme Law or any part thereof, or who shall neglect or refuse to obey any legal mandate or order of the Supreme Chancellor, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and, upon conviction thereof, may be punished by reprimand, by suspension, either definite or indefinite or by expulsion.

409. Any member of the Order who shall neglect or refuse obedience to the laws enacted by his Grand Lodge, or to the legal mandates of any officer thereof, or who shall defraud or attempt to defraud such Grand Lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize such Grand Lodge or any member thereof as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, may be punished by reprimand, suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

410. Any member of the Order who shall wilfully violate any law or by-law of his Subordinate Lodge, or who shall de-

fraud or attempt to defraud such lodge, or who shall publicly attack or scandalize such lodge or the Order or any member thereof as such, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the order, and, upon conviction thereof, may be punished by reprimand, by fine, by suspension, either definite or indefinite, or by expulsion from the Order.

411. Any member of the Order not now engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloonkeeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bona fide hotel keeper or druggist), who shall hereafter engage in either of such occupations, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be suspended or expelled, as the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member may determine.

412. Any member of the Order, hereafter initiated, who shall engage in either of the occupations known as saloonkeeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bona fide hotel keeper or druggist), or who shall become a professional gambler, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by suspension for a definite or indefinite time or by expulsion.

413. Any officer of the Grand Lodge or of any Subordinate Lodge who shall be guilty of any malfeasance in office, or of wilful neglect or refusal promptly and faithfully to discharge the duties of such office, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and upon conviction thereof, may be removed from office, suspended from the body in which he holds such membership, or from the Order, either definitely or indefinitely, or expelled from the body or from the Order; provided that, of all offenses defined in this section, the body in which the offender may hold office shall have original jurisdiction.

414. Wilful failure or refusal to abide by or perform any judgment, mandate or decree of the Supreme Tribunal, by any party thereto, is hereby declared to be an offense against the Order, the penalty for which, upon conviction shall be as follows:

Paragraph 1. If an officer or member of the Order—expulsion from the order.

Par. 2. If a Grand Lodge or a Subordinate Lodge—revocation of its Warrant or Charter.

416. A member of the Order, who for any cause whatever shall wilfully renounce the Order or the obligation thereof, shall be deemed guilty of an offense against the Order, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be expelled from the Order.

417. For the purposes of trial and punishment, the words, "member of the Order," as used in this Chapter shall be held to include ex-members of the Order, suspended members and members under suspension for any cause whatsoever.

CHAPTER II.

TO FORBID CERTAIN USES OF THE NAME, EMBLEMS, MOTTOES, DEVICES, CREDENTIALS OR DIPLOMAS OF THE ORDER, OR ANY TERM DERIVED FROM OR ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE PENALTIES THEREFOR AND THE MANNER OF THEIR ENFORCEMENT.

418. The use of the name of the Order, or of any term derived from or germane thereto, or the use of the emblems, mottoes or devices, credentials or diplomas thereof, by any body or organization of the Order, or by any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, for any of the purposes or in any manner described in this statute, is hereby declared to be an offense against the Order, and is expressly prohibited and forbidden.

419. No body or organization of the Order, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto or device belonging thereto, for the promotion of any lottery, raffle, gift, enterprise or other scheme of chance. The warrant or charter of any body or organization violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the order who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be suspended or expelled from the Order, as may be determined by the Subordinate Lodge having jurisdiction.

420. No body or organization of the Order, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, as the name or title of any association or society engaged in the business of life insurance or the payment of endowment, death or accident benefits, or in any constitution, laws, circulars, advertisements or literature of such association or society other than the insurance branch of the Order; provided that this section shall not prohibit a Subordinate Lodge from paying to beneficiaries of its own members death benefits additional to or in excess of the amount provided by the laws of such lodge or prevent the members of lodges in the same Grand Domain from associating for the purpose of paying to members benefits during sickness only. The warrant or charter of any body or organization of the Order violating the provisions of this section, or becoming a member of any such association or society, shall be suspended or expelled from the Order, as may be determined by the Subordinate Lodge having jurisdiction.

421. No member of the Order, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto or device belonging thereto, as a trade-mark, or in connection with any advertisement or circular, or in any other manner for his pecuniary benefit or business purposes, except in advertising the manufacture or sale of Pythian goods or publication. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to suspension or expulsion, as may be determined by the Subordinate Lodge having jurisdiction.

422. No body or organization of the Order, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, shall use the name of the Order, nor any term derived therefrom or germane thereto or to either of its branches, or shall display or cause to be displayed any flag, colors, emblems, motto, credential or diploma of the Order, in, over or upon any place of business devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, and commonly known as a saloon, or in or upon any hotel bar where are sold spirits, wines or malt liquors, or in or upon any place of business devoted wholly or in part to any game or scheme of chance. The warrant or charter of any body or organization violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of

the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled from the Order.

423. No member of the Order, or of any organization thereof, shall, at any time, while clothed in the uniform of the military branch of the Order or any part of such uniform, or while wearing any jewel of rank or office in the Order, knowingly enter any public bar devoted to the sale of spirits, wines or malt liquors, or any gambling house, or any house or other place of notorious disrepute. Any member of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be expelled from the Order.

424. No body or organization of the Order, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall use the name of the Order, or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any emblem, motto, device, banner or colors thereof, in connection with any demonstration, excursion, meeting, ball, concert or other entertainment given on the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday, or in any advertisement, circular or other printed matter or announcement relating thereto or for the promotion thereof. The warrant or charter of any body or organization of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order, or of any organization thereof, violating the provisions of this section, shall be suspended or expelled, as may be determined by the Subordinate Lodge or the division of the Uniform Rank having jurisdiction.

425. No body or organization of the Order, nor any member thereof, affiliated or non-affiliated, nor association of such members, shall allow or permit the sale or gift of spirits, wines or malt liquors at any convention of a lodge, excursion, demonstration, ball, concert, or other entertainment which may be given by them, and at which the name of the Order or any term derived therefrom or germane thereto, or any motto, device, banner, emblem or colors of the Order, shall be used. The warrant or charter of any body or organization of the Order violating the provisions of this section shall be revoked. Any member of the Order who, by himself or in association with other persons, whether members of the Order or not, shall violate the provisions of this section, shall be suspended or expelled, as may be determined by the Subordinate Lodge having jurisdiction.

TITLE X.

CHAPTER I.

RELATING TO THE PYTHIAN PERIOD AND THE ANNIVERSARY AND
MEMORIAL DAYS OF THE ORDER.

441. The Order of Knights of Pythias having been instituted and established on the 19th day of February, 1864, the Pythian Period is hereby declared to date therefrom, and each and every year thereafter shall succeed in numerical order, commencing with that date.

442. The term "Pythian Period" shall be used in official documents emanating from or issued by any body of the Order, immediately after any date of the vulgar era, in style and form as follows: "This, the.....day of.....
19...., P. P....."

443. The 19th day of February is hereby established as the anniversary day of the organization of the Order.

444. The Tuesday following the second Sunday in June, of each year, is hereby set apart and established as the "Memorial Day" of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and all bodies of the Order are hereby authorized and requested to meet in their respective localities, upon said day in each year, whenever practicable and convenient, for the purpose of engaging in such services and exercises as may be appropriate to the occasion; provided that a Subordinate Lodge may elect a different day for such services when the circumstances render it desirable.

TITLE XI.

CHAPTER I.

TO PROVIDE FOR DIPLOMAS AND CREDENTIALS OF RANK OR OF HONOR
IN THE ORDER, AND FOR THE PREPARATION, ISSUE
AND USE THEREOF.

446. Any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, and who is in good standing, shall be entitled to receive from his Subordinate Lodge, at his request and upon payment of the required fee therefor, a diploma of the Rank of

Knight, signed by the Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal, and bearing the seal of his lodge.

447. Any member of the Order who is in good standing and who has attained the honor of Past Chancellor, shall be entitled to receive from his Grand Lodge, at his request and upon payment of the required fee therefor, a diploma of the honor of Past Chancellor, signed by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and bearing the seal of his Grand Lodge; provided that, if the lodge of which such Past Chancellor is a member be not under the control of an existing Grand Lodge, then such diploma shall be issued upon like conditions by the Supreme Lodge, and shall be signed by the Supreme Chancellor and the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall bear the seal of the Supreme Lodge.

448. Any member of the Order who is in good standing, and upon whom the Grand Lodge rank has been conferred, or who has attained the honor of Past Grand Representative, shall be entitled to receive from his Grand Lodge, at his request and upon payment of the required fee therefor, a diploma of the Grand Lodge rank or of the honor of the Past Grand Representative, signed by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and bearing the seal of his Grand Lodge.

451. Should the holder of either of the diplomas described in this statute be expelled from the Order, such diploma may be revoked and its return demanded by the body issuing the same.

452. Any member of the Order removing his lodge membership from one to another Grand Domain, or to or from territory not under the control of a Grand Lodge, may obtain from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of his former Grand Lodge, or from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, as the case may be, a credential, addressed to the Grand Lodge of the Grand Domain to which he transfers his membership, or to the Supreme Lodge, as the case may be, certifying to any honor or to any legislative rank attained by him; and it is hereby made the duty of the proper Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, or of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, to issue such credentials of honor or rank to persons entitled thereto, upon payment of the required fee therefor. Such credentials shall be deposited with the body to which it is addressed, whereupon the name of the

holder shall be entered upon the register thereof, as of the honor or rank indicated therein.

454. No credential or diploma of honor or rank in the Order other than those described in this statute, shall be recognized as authorized or valid; and all Keepers of Records and Seal of either Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Lodges are hereby expressly forbidden to certify by their signatures, or to authenticate by the seal of their respective bodies, any credential or diploma of rank or honor in the Order, other than those described in this statute; provided that this section shall not be construed to affect the proper signature, authentication and validity of transfer cards and withdrawal cards.

CHAPTER II.

TO REGULATE APPEALS FOR AID BY GRAND LODGES, SUBORDINATE LODGES, OR MEMBERS OF THE ORDER.

455. Appeals for aid, in behalf of a Subordinate Lodge or of a member or members thereof, may be issued and circulated within the Domain of the Grand Lodge in which said Subordinate Lodge is located, only by permission of such Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor thereof.

RULES OF PRACTICE
OF THE
Grand Tribunal, Knights of Pythias
DOMAIN OF IOWA

ADOPTED AUGUST 24, 1895

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

1. Pleadings, hearings and trials, except as by Rule or Statute otherwise provided, shall be governed by the rules and procedure of the courts of record of Iowa.

2. The moving party seeking relief of the Grand Tribunal, shall be known as the "Plaintiff."

3. The party against whom the complaint is made, shall be known as the "Defendant."

4. The statement of facts presented by the plaintiff, and upon which he founds his prayer for relief, shall be known as the "Petition."

5. Defendant's statement of facts, upon which he relies as a defense to the allegations of the petition, shall be known as the "Answer."

6. A demurrer may be filed upon the grounds that the facts alleged are not sufficient to constitute an offense, or cause of action, or a defense, provided that the grounds of demurrer shall be specifically set out.

7. The plaintiff may file a reply when some matter is alleged in the answer to which the plaintiff claims to have a de-

fense, by reason of the existence of some fact which avoids the matter alleged in the answer.

In other cases, the facts stated in the answer shall be deemed denied without further pleading.

8. Whenever an objection is made to the contents of any pleading filed in a cause, which cannot be reached by a demurrer, it may be objected to by motion.

9. Amendment to pleadings may be made, but after plea, demurrer or answer, it must be for good cause shown, and the party seeking to make the amendment must serve the opposite party with a copy of the proposed amendment at least one day, before filing the same, except when the Tribunal is in session.

10. All pleadings shall be legibly written or printed, and in addition to the original as many copies thereof shall be filed with the Recorder as there are parties to be served therewith under these Rules and the Statutes.

11. No petition or other pleading which embraces a statement of facts upon which an action or defense is based, shall be filed or considered, unless such pleading be verified by the pledge of honor of the party so pleading, and substantially in the manner and form following, to-wit:

"The Order of the Knights of Pythias, within the Domain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa:

"I.....(name of party).....the.....(plaintiff or defendant).....in the foregoing.....(style of pleading).....named, upon my honor as a Knight, do hereby affirm that I have read the foregoing.....(style of pleading).....and know the contents thereof, and that I verily believe that the statements therein made, are true and accurate.

"Witness my hand and pledge of honor, this.....day ofA. D. 189....., P. P. XXX.....

"Signed....."

If the pleading be in the name of a Subordinate Lodge, or a Grand Lodge, the verification shall be made by the Chancellor Commander or the Grand Chancellor, as the case may be, and shall be attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, or the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as the case may be, with the seal of the lodge attached.

12. The plaintiff in his petition shall state the place of residence and usual postoffice address of the defendant, and each of them if there be more than one. If the defendant be a Subordinate Lodge or a Grand Lodge, the plaintiff shall state in his petition the name of the Chancellor Commander, or the Grand Chancellor, as the case may be, and his place of residence, and usual postoffice address. The plaintiff shall also state in his petition, his own place of residence and usual postoffice address, the name, number and location of the lodge of which he is a member, and, if the plaintiff be a Subordinate or a Grand Lodge, the name of the Chancellor Commander or Grand Chancellor, as the case may be, with his place of residence and usual postoffice address.

13. When the petition has been properly filed with the requisite copies thereof, the Recorder shall, without unnecessary delay, deliver or forward a copy thereof, duly authenticated over his official signature and the seal of the Grand Tribunal, to each party defendant by registered letter, together with a written notice that ten days thereafter, the cause therein described will be entered upon the docket of the Grand Tribunal, which said notice shall be in manner and form substantially as follows, to-wit: "The Order of Knights of Pythias in the Grand Tribunal:

"In the name of the Grand Chancellor of the Order of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, Greeting:

"To.....(Name of defendant or defendants).....defendant.....you are hereby notified that.....(name of plaintiff or plaintiffs).....plaintiff has filed a petition addressed to the Grand Tribunal of the Order of Knights of Pythias, Domain of Iowa, complaining of you, the said.....(name of defendant or defendants).....as defendant., and praying that relief be granted in the premises by the Grand Tribunal, a duly authenticated copy of which petition, as the same remains on file and of record, is attached hereto. You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before ten days after the date hereof, at the expiration of which time said cause will be placed upon the trial docket of said Grand Tribunal, and stand for hearing.

"Witness, the Honorable.....Chief Tribune of the Grand Tribunal of Iowa, Knights of Pythias, this.....day ofA. D. 189., P. P. XXX.....

[Seal]

"Signed.....

"Recorder."

Such notification shall be of the date of the actual service or mailing thereof.

14. Immediately upon the filing of any pleading, demurrer or motion, the Recorder shall, by personal service or by registered letter, notify the adverse party or parties of such fact, and such notification shall be of the date of the actual mailing or service thereof. The Recorder shall furnish such party or parties with an authenticated copy or copies of such pleading, demurrer or motion.

15. The plaintiff shall have ten days after the date of the service or mailing of the Recorder's notice to him of the filing of the defendant's answer within which to reply thereto, and either party may then proceed to take testimony.

16. Demurrers and interlocutory motions may be heard, considered and ruled upon at chambers; and for the purpose of expediting pending causes, the Chief Tribune may make and enter his order as of the Grand Tribunal, requiring the parties to submit their arguments in writing upon such demurrer or interlocutory motions, filing six copies of the same in the office of the Recorder on or before a day in such order to be named. Immediate notice of such order shall be given by the Recorder to the parties to the record, personally or by registered letter. Upon the pleadings and arguments so filed, and the concurrence of three of the Tribunes, the rule of the Grand Tribunal may be made and entered at chambers.

17. The trial of causes shall be governed and conducted in accordance with the usually accepted rules of evidence, in civil cases of courts of record.

18. The substantial rights of the parties shall at all times be considered a matter within the discretion of the Grand Tribunal as against any hardship imposed by technical rules.

19. The time for filing pleadings may be extended by agreement of the parties, or by permission granted by the Tribunal, or by the Chief Tribune in vacation or ranking Tribune in case of the absence or inability to act of the Chief Tribune, for good cause shown.

20. Where a real controversy actually exists between two or more parties, the subject matter of which controversy is

within the original or exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Tribunal, the parties may submit the case to the Grand Tribunal upon an agreed statement of the facts and of the issues in the case. Such record in all cases shall be reduced to writing, signed by all parties thereto, and shall contain:

(a) A clear and succinct statement of all the facts which pertain to the controversy.

(b) A concise statement of the questions at issue between the parties.

(c) A pledge of the parties upon their Knightly honor that the controversy is a real one, and actually exists, and that the same is submitted in good faith for the judgment of the Tribunal.

(d) It must show that the parties submitting the same embrace all parties that are materially interested in the questions involved.

(e) If a Subordinate Lodge be a party it must be signed by the Chancellor Commander, attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under the seal of the lodge. If a Grand Lodge, it must be signed by the Grand Chancellor, attested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

(f) It must show the residence and post-office address of each party, and in the case of a Subordinate Lodge, its number and location.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

21. Transcripts of the record submitted to the Grand Tribunal on appeal or proceedings in error, shall be authenticated by the officer charged with the custody of the official record in manner and form substantially as follows, to-wit:

"The Order of the Knights of Pythias, within the Domain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa:

"I,(name and style of officer).....
 hereby certify that the foregoing pages contain
 a full, true and correct transcript of the record in the case of
(name of plaintiff).....vs.....
 (name of defendant).....lately pending in.....
 (name of Tribunal in which case was tried,.....as the
 same remains of record and on file in my office.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand (and affixed the seal of.....) this the day of.....

A. D. 18..... P. P.....

(Seal.)

"Signed.....,

"(Official title)....."

If the certifying officer be the official custodian of the seal of his lodge, or has a seal in his official capacity, it should be affixed to the foregoing certificate.

22. Service of notices upon the adverse party of the filing of the transcript and assignment of errors and the making of application for the writ of error, shall be by leaving with the adverse party personally, or if the adverse party be a lodge, then with its presiding officer, a full, true and complete copy of such assignment of errors, together with a written notice of the time and place of filing the same, and making application for a writ of error; or service may be had by sending by registered letter the copy of the assignment of errors and notice aforesaid to the adverse party, or if the adverse party be a lodge to the presiding officer thereof, at the usual post-office address of such party or presiding officer.

23. Within ten days after the filing of the assignment of errors, the plaintiff in error shall file with the Recorder six copies of his brief, and additional copies if required by the Recorder and at the same time shall serve upon, or mail to, the adverse party or his attorney of record, one other copy of such brief, and within ten days thereafter the defendant in error shall file with the Recorder six copies of his brief and shall at the same time serve upon, or mail to, the opposite party or his attorney of record, one other copy of such brief by registered letter. Briefs shall be legible, written or printed.

24. Causes which have matured shall be set for hearing in the order of their entry upon the trial docket. Such cases shall be submitted upon oral arguments and brief or upon briefs alone. Whenever the time has expired for the filing of briefs, a cause may be considered by the Grand Tribunal in all respects as if briefs had been filed, and a judgment, order or decree upon the merits thereof, as represented in the record, or the Grand Tribunal may dismiss the same for a failure to file briefs.

25. A party who has failed or refused to file briefs as required by these rules, cannot be heard on the presentation of the cause in which default occurred, except by permission of the Grand Tribunal for good cause shown.

26. A cause shall not be considered as determined until a decision has been rendered and judgment entered in accordance therewith.

27. A mandate shall not be issued until after the expiration of a period of ten days after the decision of the Grand Tribunal and the entry of the judgment thereof; and immediately after the expiration of such period the Recorder shall transmit to the Tribunal below the mandate of the Grand Tribunal.

28. Immediately upon the entry of a final judgment, order or decree, the Recorder shall notify the parties in interest or their attorneys of record of the decision of the Grand Tribunal.

29. Application for rehearing shall be by petition addressed to the Grand Tribunal, signed by the party or his attorney of record, which petition shall briefly state the points wherein it is alleged that the Grand Tribunal has erred. Such petition shall be filed within ten days after receiving official notice by the Recorder that the decision complained of has been rendered, and shall be accompanied by six copies of a printed or legibly written brief of the points and authorities relied upon.

30. The filing of a petition for rehearing shall not suspend proceedings under the decision complained of, unless the Grand Tribunal or three of the Tribunes thereof in vacation shall so order.

31. If a petition for a rehearing be ordered, the Grand Tribunal may require that the adverse party shall be served with a copy of the petition and brief by the moving party forthwith and the adverse party shall have such time within which to answer the petition and brief of the petitioner as the Grand Tribunal may direct.

32. Briefs shall contain (a) an orderly and concise statement of the facts as understood by the parties filing the same, (b) a statement of the contention between the parties, and (c) a concise argument of the points presented with the citation

of such authorities as the party may think proper. Said briefs shall be signed by the parties presenting the same, giving the name of the party in whose interest it is presented.

THE RECORDER.

33. The duties of the Recorder, except as may be herein-after specifically provided, shall be such as are usually incident to the office of clerk of a court of law, so far as the same are applicable to the transactions, business and affairs of the Grand Tribunal.

34. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal shall take and subscribe to the following obligation:

"I, (name of the Recorder) having been appointed Recorder of the Grand Tribunal, Domain of Iowa, do solemnly pledge my Knightly honor that I will support the Grand and Supreme Constitution of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and that I will faithfully perform and discharge all duties of Recorder of the Grand Tribunal to the best of my ability. So help me God."

This obligation may be administered by any member of the Grand Tribunal and shall be filed among the official records of the Grand Tribunal.

35. The Recorder under the direction of the Grand Tribunal, shall be the custodian of the seal, archives, records and files of the Grand Tribunal and under its direction, shall provide for the safety and proper preservation thereof.

36. The Recorder is authorized to make and certify to, over the seal of the Grand Tribunal, transcripts of the records of the Grand Tribunal, and copies of the original papers on file in the office of the Recorder, and shall be entitled to charge and collect therefor at the rate of fifteen cents per folio, for such transcripts or copies, which fee shall include certification.

37. The Recorder shall endorse on all papers or documents filed with him the date of such filing.

38. The Recorder shall keep in his office a docket, in which he shall enter as of the date of receipt a brief memorandum of all petitions, transcripts and assignments of error filed in his

office, together with the names of parties and addresses, names of attorneys and addresses, nature of action, date of notice to the defendant of the pendency of causes, date of "docketing," made under the Statute, notices sent, action of Tribunal in brief, upon interlocutory and main question, so as to form a chronological brief of the history of the cause from the date of the filing of the petition to the entry of final judgment, decree or final order. He shall also keep a journal of the proceedings of the Grand Tribunal, in which shall be recorded the official rules, orders and acts of the Grand Tribunal both in term time and vacation. Such journal when approved by the Tribunal and signed by the Chief Tribune, shall be the official record of the Tribunal. The Recorder shall keep such other books of record and account as may be necessary or advisable for the proper record and conduct of the affairs of the Grand Tribunal and the Recorder's office. All of the books afore named shall constitute a part of the records of the Grand Tribunal and be subject to its directions and control.

39. At least ten days prior to any special sitting of the Grand Tribunal the Recorder shall officially notify the Grand Chancellor and parties in causes pending before it of the time when and the place where such sitting of the Grand Tribunal will be held.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

40. In all cases either party may be represented by counsel of his own selection, who shall be a member of the Order in good standing.

41. All notices required to be given by these rules, may be served upon the proper attorney of record, if the party or parties be represented by attorney, to the same effect as if served upon the party or parties individually. All such notices may be served by the party whose duty it is to give notice, or at his request the same may be served by any Knight of Pythias in good standing, who shall certify in his return thereof, upon his pledge of honor as to the date, hour and manner of such service, and to his standing in the Order, and upon whose request said service has been made.

42. Proof of service of notices required to be given by these rules and the Statutes may be by the written acknowledgement of the party served; or the return, in writing, upon pledge of honor, by the party making the service, reciting the particulars of such service as to time, place, manner and parties. If the service be had by registered letter, in addition to the return aforesaid, all registry receipts must be attached thereto.

43. The records of the Grand Tribunal, including files of cases, shall be open to inspection by parties in interest, and in no case shall the records be removed or the files withdrawn, in whole or in part, from the office of the Recorder except upon the order of the Grand Tribunal, or the written order of a Grand Tribune.

44. The regular sittings of the Grand Tribunal shall be held on the day just prior to the first session of the convention of the Grand Lodge in each year at ten o'clock A. M., and shall be held at the place of holding the Grand Lodge convention for that year.

45. Special sittings may be called by the Chief Tribune at such other times and places as in his discretion may be necessary for the dispatch of business, and shall be so called by him when requested so to do by three Tribunes.

46. Testimony for the use upon a trial before the Grand Tribunal may be either oral or by depositions. Depositions may be taken upon reasonable notice to the adverse party or parties of the time and place of taking the same or upon commission with interrogatories attached. A commission may be issued by the Recorder upon the same notice, and in the same manner as provided by the Code of Iowa for the issuance of a commission to take depositions in civil cases. A commissioner to take such depositions shall be appointed in writing by a Grand Tribune; provided, that such commissioner must be a Past Chancellor of the Order.

47. Members of the Order shall testify under the obligation as set out in Section 379 of the Statute, which may be administered by a Tribune, or by the Recorder. When a member of the Order gives his testimony by deposition, the said obligation

shall be administered to him by the commissioner taking the testimony.

48. The foregoing rules may be amended, changed, modified, repealed or suspended at the discretion of the Grand Tribunal.

H. T. GRANGER,
Chief Tribune.

E. W. WEEKS,
J. U. SAMMIS,
J. B. WHITE,
B. MURPHY,
Grand Tribunes.

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